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RIVER BOAT ABLAZE.

S.S. "SUI TAI" ON FIRE AT BERTH.
WATERSIDE SENSATION.

Passengers Manage to Get Off in Time.

CARELESS CIGARETTE THROWN ASTERN?

There was great excitement and commotion on the water-front soon after noon to-day, when the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's s.s. "Sui Tai" (Capt. Matthews) was observed to be on fire.

The outbreak occurred about a quarter of an hour after the vessel had safely berthed alongside her wharf, and the passengers had had just sufficient time to get ashore before the alarm was raised.

The "Sui Tai" berthed at 11.50 on her arrival from Macao, with the usual complement of passengers and general cargo. The flames were discovered at the stern at about 12.05 p.m.

A BADLY BURNT SHIP.

How the fire started is at present not ascertainable, but one informant working on the "Sui Tai" said that there were some cans of petrol at the stern, and thinks that these suddenly blazed up as the result of a carelessly thrown cigarette end or lighted match.

The flames spread quickly by means of a canvas screen erected round the ship's stern. The canvas was swallowed up by the flames in a few moments, and the flames were then drawn by the draft in the starboard side saloon passage. The fire shot across and, fed by the canvas awnings, the flames were soon roaring more fiercely and sweeping down the starboard side of the ship with alarming rapidity.

BRIDGE ATTACKED.

All the wooden side of the saloon and cabins on this side of the ship were quickly burned, and then the flames took hold of the bridge, which was also soon left in charred ruins.

In the meantime, a message had been sent through to the Fire Brigade, which was on the scene by 12.10, five engines responding to the call. No time was wasted in getting hose connections and with good pressure, streams of water from numerous hoses were played on the vessel from various angles. A fireboat which arrived a couple of minutes later rendered great assistance with two streams of water which were concentrated on the bridge from a position at the port bow of the "Sui Tai".

LIFEBOAT BURNED.

Two tugs were also early on the scene, and they came in useful as a support to the ship on the port side as she listed heavily with the weight of the large volume of water which was pumped into her.

When "China Mail" man arrived on the scene, the lifeboat at the port stern was being devoured by the flames, and it was awe-inspiring to see how quickly it was reduced to cinders. The flames also spread a little distance down the port side super-structure before they were checked.

IMPRESSIONS.

Soon after the fire started flames were seen leaping some feet into the sky, and this attracted the attention of shipping for a large radius in the harbour. Even passengers on the Star and Yaumati ferry boats were attracted, and soon hundreds of people, mostly Chinese, were gathered around, as near the wharf as they were permitted to be by a strong cordon of police who immediately undertook the task of controlling the surging crowd.

Tram and other traffic were stopped along that stretch of waterfront from Wing Lok-street to the Western Market. Many small native craft in the vicinity of the "Sui Tai" had to scurry away because of the danger from flying sparks. At one time steam was observed to be issuing from the engine room and at once a cry went up that boiler was exploding.

BIG STAMPEDE.

There was a big stampede amongst the sight-seers to dash to safety, but thanks to the action of the fire-fighters an explosion was averted.

As far as could be ascertained, there was no casualty reported, all the officers and crew being able to leave the ship as soon as it became apparent that the outbreak was going to become a stubborn one.

OVERCOME.

At the early stages of the outbreak, before the arrival of the fire-fighters, the officers and crew of the "Sui Tai" made a gallant effort to check the flames with the ship's fire appliances. These proved inadequate, however.

During this time, one of the Portuguese eight officers of the ship, Mr. Agabeg, was overcome by the fumes and had to be carried on to the wharf. He rapidly recovered.

Thanks to the heavy iron lining underneath the deck boards, the fire was confined to the super-structure of the ship and did not reach the cargo holds which were still packed with merchandise. These suffered damage from water.

OFFICERS.

The European Officers of the "Sui Tai" are:—
Captain Matthews, Chief Officer de Sala and Chief Engineer Harmon. The Second Engineer was a Chinese.

It is interesting to recall that the s.s. "Sui An," a sister ship of the "Sui Tai" was a couple of years ago burned down to the water's edge whilst at her berth in Macao.

FROM CANTON.

IN HONG KONG TO MEET MARSHAL LI.

DUE ON THE 28TH.

A number of political personages arrived from Canton by the s.s. "Lungshan" on Wednesday night. It is believed that they came to meet Marshal Li Chai-sum (head of the Kwangtung Government), who is expected to arrive from Shanghai on August 28.

Those who arrived included Mr. Fung Chuk-man, acting Chairman of the Branch Political Council at Canton and concurrently head of the Financial Bureau, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, late Minister of Justice, Mr. Luk Wun-chow, secretary of the Provincial Government at Canton, and Mr. Li Man-yan (Marshal Li's principal A.D.C.).

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, it is learned, is going to leave for Nanking to resume duty as Minister of Justice.

Mr. Fung Chuk-man returned to Canton last night.

It is also reported that Mr. Hu Han-min, a member of the Political Council at Nanking, who interviewed the British Foreign Minister in London, while on his tour to Europe, is returning with Messrs. Chow Loo and General Han Chung-chi. They are due here at the end of this month.

Mrs. Hu Han-min came down from Canton by the s.s. "Taishan" last night in order to meet her husband.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

LIFE UNDER THE SOVIET.

CHILD VICTIMS.

74 PER CENT. SCHOOL-CHILDREN ADDICTED TO DRINK.
ENCOURAGED BY PARENTS.

Riga, Yesterday.
In connection with the anti-drink campaign in Russia 53 tavern keepers have been arrested.

An inspection of schools revealed that 74 per cent. of the children are addicted to drink from their early years and are encouraged by their parents.

Terrible Tragedy.

A member of the League of Communist Youth at Leningrad, while intoxicated, ran amok and shot dead his wife. He followed the ambulance to hospital and killed the doctor, then rushed into the street, shooting right and left until he was mortally wounded by a militiaman.—Reuter.

A NEW "SIX."

A DRIVE AROUND IN THE LATEST WHIPPET.

CAR NOW ON VIEW.

[By "Meccano."]

A 6-cylinder motor car at a price actually lower than that of some 4-cylinder machines! A "Six" embodying an array of mechanical features worthy of a car costing two or three times as much. This is Willys-Overland's latest achievement—the new Whippet Six which is now in Hong Kong, a four door Sedan model of which is at present on exhibition in the Hotel Savoy lounge, and is attracting much attention and favourable comment.

Yesterday I had an opportunity of closely inspecting the new car, and had pointed out to me by a representative of Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., the distributors for Hong Kong and South China, the special quality features, both in the body and chassis of the Whippet Six, which is claimed to be an entirely new design and "the world's lowest-priced Six."

Later, I went for a ride in a Touring model of the new car, when I was able to judge for myself, on performance, all that was claimed for the car. It underwent the test with credit.

THE PRICE.

The new Whippet Six is certainly a very desirable car, and cheap at its price. H.K. \$1,950 for the Touring and H.K. \$2,350 for the Sedan—which revolutionises all standards of 6-cylinder motor car value. In its field it establishes a trend of design as outstanding as that created by the well-known Whippet amongst Fours.

The long, low-slung bodies of both the Sedan and the Touring models, in harmonious lacquers with smart, roomy interiors, give a distinction and custom car luxury that compels admiration. The Sedan is a car of unusual dignity, with its lacquered body set off by striped moulding and louvres, window reveals and a cadet-type visor. Dome light is standard equipment in this model.

The Touring, with its long stream lines, reflects the sleekness and satisfactory performance of the powerful Whippet Six engine.

Both models have exceptional legroom in their comfortable interior, with seats that are set at a restful angle and are wide and deeply upholstered. The wheel is adjustable to various positions.

MECHANICAL FEATURES.

This remarkable new motor car is powered by a high compression poppet-valve engine which took months of test to perfect. The fine result given by the engine is proof of the great strides that have been made recently in automobile engineering by Willys-Overland.

In the new Whippet Six one finds an array of mechanical features not previously seen in a 6-cylinder car. The engine has a heavy rigid crankshaft supported on seven bronze-backed, babbit main bearings, and is drilled for the full force-feed lubrication system, such as is used in high grade cars.

WATER-RATS HUNTED BY POLICE.

SHIPS' ROPE THEFTS.

TELL-TALE RED STRAND IN A SEIZED COIL.
WEIGHT NOT A DETERRENT.

Unrelenting inquiries by the Police among the Colony's waterfronts have resulted in the seizure of huge coils of hemp-rope which are alleged to have been stolen from British and other steamers in Hong Kong harbour.

There have been several reports this month of thefts of rope from shipboard. The mystery was how the culprits made off un-

TYPHOON!

Making Tracks in this Direction.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 11.10 a.m. to-day:—
24th. 9.45 a.m. Cyclone or typhoon crossing Northern Luzon moving W.N.W.

[This is apparently the same typhoon that was recorded yesterday as a situation in the Pacific Ocean. It has moved a considerable distance but its direction is maintained.]

N.E. winds, moderate, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A feeble anticyclone is central over mid-Japan. A typhoon is shown about 150 miles N.N.E. of Manila, moving W.N.W.

detected with such heavy and unwieldy stuff.

Precautions taken by the owners have been of assistance to the Water Police detectives. In at least one case, a strand of the rope was painted red, obviously for identification. And thereby hangs a tale.

Red "Runs."

Waterfront habitués of Kennedy Town, Hung Hom and other districts were closely interrogated and the Police at last came upon a hawk who said that he had seen a man collect a sum of nearly \$100 from a marine store dealer in the city after a talk about "hemp rope."

The shop was raided. Coils of rope were found which tallied in size and specification to samples retained by the Water Police. The condition of wear also tallied. From one coil, it was noticed, a strand had been removed; but the red—possibly owing to the rope having come in contact with water—had "run" on to other strands.

A Gang of Three?

The shop raided was one of many marine stores in Tung Man.

OUR PICTURES.

Pictures in To-morrow's "China Mail."

In addition to the usual Saturday features, to-morrow's "China Mail" will again include a pictorial section, with a page of local pictures, etc.

Among the illustrations will be those of division I and division II league bowls matches, local weddings, Hong Kong yachting, life saving classes, a posed portrait of a newly-arrived champion boxer on the China Station, and a snapshot of a dancing teacher and entertainer; also a new photo of Marshal Li Chai-sum and his family, and all of the judges of the Shanghai Provisional Court. Photos by Mumeys, Ying Ming, Welcome Studio and others.

street, one of the lanes running from south to north between the Central Market and Ho Tung-building, and connecting Queen's-road Central and Des Voeux-road Central.

It is alleged that the purchases of the rope, by the shop licensee, were not entered in a book provided by the Police and in which it is laid down, all purchases must be recorded. Further developments are expected. The Police are not relaxing their investigation as to the whereabouts of three men suspected to have engineered the series of wholesale thefts from ships.

RUNS AMOK ON A RANCH.

DRUG ADDICT.

KILLS 10 CHINESE INCLUDING WHOLE FAMILY.
CORNERED BY POLICE.

Grass Valley, Cal., Yesterday.
Loy Yeoung, a drug addict, ran amok at a ranch near Fairfield with a rifle, and killed 10 Chinese, including a whole family.

The proprietor escaped in a stolen motor car. One of the employees, though seriously injured, crawled from the ranch and gave the alarm to the police, who followed cautiously.

Loy, who was cornered in the chicken house, did not resist. Reuter's American Service.

TREASURY BONDS.

NEARLY 50 MILLION STERLING OFFERED.

FINE RESPONSE.

London, Yesterday.

The tendering for the £35,000,000 Treasury Bonds, has resulted in applications amounting to £45,720,000.

The tenders at £101 Os. 6d. will receive about 64 per cent. and the above in full.—Reuter.

U.S. Treasury Issue.

New York, Yesterday.

The treasury is offering an issue of securities on Sept. 15. It is believed the issue will be for Short Term Bonds amounting to between 4 and 5 million dollars for the retirement of the Third Liberty 4½ loan due on Sept. 15.—Reuter's American Service.

ATLANTIC-MAIL.

ACCELERATION TO CHERBOURG AND PARIS.

NEW METHOD.

Cherbourg, Yesterday.

The new method of hastening the delivery of the trans-Atlantic mails on the European side, was operated this morning in a seaplane piloted by Lieut. Demougeot, who took off from the liner "Ile de France" for Paris at a point 154 miles west of the Scilly Isles.

He flew to Cherbourg, where he refuelled, and then to Le Bourget where he landed at 2.42 in the afternoon.—Reuter.

UNLUCKY PLANE.

NEW PROPELLER NEEDED FOR "PRINCESS KENIA."

THE DUCHESS PASSENGER.

Karachi, Yesterday.

The "Princess Kenia's" propeller being in bad condition, it will be necessary to order a new one from England. Consequently, the Duchess of Bedford is going to England by steamer via Bombay.—Reuter.

The British Wireless report says that the Duchess of Bedford arrived at Karachi from Bushire in the aeroplane "Princess Kenia," piloted by Captain Barnard. She left England two months ago in an attempt to fly to India and back in eight days, but has been delayed in Bushire since June 12.

The Duchess, we understand, is over sixty years old. She has long been interested in aviation.

U.S. & HOLLAND.

PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

THE DUTCH MEMBERS.

The Hague, Yesterday.

Professor Van Hollenhoven, of the University of Leyden, and M. Dolfius, a member of the Swiss National Council, have been selected to represent Holland on the permanent International Commission established by virtue of the Dutch-American Treaty of Dec. 18, 1913, providing for Dutch-American disputes being submitted to a permanent International Commission.—Reuter.

MORE PROTESTS BY SOLICITOR.

DISTILLERY CASE.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD REVENUE DEPT.

ARGUMENT OVER BAIL.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, there was a sequel to the protest made by Mr. M. K. Lo yesterday with regard to the alleged detention by Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Dept., of what Counsel described as the accountant and a "size foo" (skilled worker) of the Tai Tung distillery.

Three Chinese were produced before his Worship. These were Lau Ki, described as manager-accountant, and Chiu Ching, "size foo" of the distillery, who were charged that they between August 13 and 22 did conspire, combine, confederate and agree with Tsui Yip, described as the licensee of the Tai Tung distillery, and others (a) to defraud the revenue of Hong Kong; (b) to distill spirits from "kongs" of molasses meshes not due for distillations on certain days in the above stated period; (c) failing to account for spirits so distilled to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports; (d) removing the spirits without payment of duty; (e) replacing materials so distilled with more fermentable materials in the "kongs"; and (f) failing to account for them to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Tsui Yip was the third defendant in Court. He was summoned, as licensee of the Tai Tung distillery, for failing to supply necessary information to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence, and denied all the charges.

PREPARED TO RISK.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that he should think from the evidence given against the same distillery in a similar case recently, that there might be a suggestion that there was lurking at the back of his mind a suspicion against the defendants, and that therefore it might be more satisfactory if the case was taken before the Second Magistrate. On the other hand, however, the case was of a complicated, technical nature, and he (Mr. Lindsell) thought that as the Second Magistrate had not previously had the opportunity to go into a distillery case, this might outweigh the possibility of any bias if he (Mr. Lindsell) took the case.

Mr. Lo remarked that he was prepared to risk it.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo referred to the evidence given against the Tai Tung distillery in the previous case, and said that he would like to be informed if the prosecution would be of a similar nature in the present case.

"ILLEGAL DETENTION."

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Analyst and assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, stated that there would be more direct evidence in the present case, as contrasted with the technical evidence, which was given in the previous case. He said that when he went to the distillery on Wednesday, he found that they were distilling Thursday's mesh, and that Friday's mesh was being transferred to Thursday's "kong."

Mr. Lo then referred to what he termed the "illegal detention" of Lau and Chiu in the Imports and Exports Dept. for a whole day. He said that he understood that certain statements were taken from the two men, and suggested that, in fairness to the defendants, he (Mr. Lo) as their legal adviser should be supplied with copies of those statements.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that Mr. Lo would be entitled to a copy of the statements provided it was the intention of the prosecution to use them in the case. Otherwise the statements were outside his (Mr. Lindsell's) control, and he could not order that copies of them be applied to Counsel.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the chances were that the statements made by the men were in his favour, in which case, he would like to know, as it would help in the preparation of his case.

Addressing Mr. Taylor, his Worship said that he would definitely direct that if the prosecution proposed to use the statements in the case, they should be supplied to the defence.

The case against Lau and Chiu, and the summons against Tsui, were adjourned until next Friday morning for hearing.

MACAO PRIEST DIES INTESTATE.

AND LEAVES \$62,700.

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LOCAL GROCER'S FORTUNE.

Letters of administration to the estate of Carlos Ramon Alvares, also known as Carlos Román de Alvares, Presbyter and Canon Capitular of the Se Cathedral, Macao, who died intestate at the age of 65 in Macao on April 30, has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, solicitor, lawful attorney of Delmira Mercedes Alvares, sister of the deceased priest, living at No. 113, Rua da Praia Grande, Macao.

The estate in Hong Kong is valued at \$62,700. The sister was appointed administratrix by the Civil and Commercial Court of Justice of Macao.

\$51,500 Here.

Letters of administration, with a will and codicil annexed, in respect of Burjorji Cawasji Setina, silk merchant, who died at Bombay at the age of 52 on July 12, 1927, have been granted to Mr. D. H. Blake, solicitor, lawful attorney for the executrix and executor. The estate in Hong Kong has been sworn at \$61,500. There is also some property and business in Shanghai.

Lived Here 40 Years.

How a grocer lived in Hong Kong for over 40 years and made a small fortune has just been revealed. He was Wong Kung-wo, alias Wong Yuk-lin, of No. 89, Pine-street, Taitoktau, who died at the age of 69 on March 30. He left \$32,000. Wong Tong Shi (the widow) and Wong Taun Shi (a concubine) are appointed executrices.

Under a will dated Jan. 16, 1928, he directed the widow to draw \$15 a month for her expenses, \$25 a month for house-keeping and the concubine to draw \$11 a month for her expenditure. Bequests are made to many members of the family.

posed to use the statements taken from the defendants, then copies must be supplied to Mr. Lo.

ATTEMPTED TO RUN.

Mr. Lo then made reference to bail. He pointed out that Lau was given bail in the sum of \$2,000 and Chiu in the sum of \$3,000. As Lau was in indifferent health, his principal had raised the \$2,000 for his bail, but Chiu was still being held in custody. Counsel suggested that bail should be reduced in the case of both defendants, remarking that bail as at present fixed was too high, as the maximum penalty did not exceed \$2,000.

Mr. Taylor explained that Chiu was given \$3,000 bail because he had attempted to run away.

Mr. Lo replied that he could not for his life see how it was reasonable that because a man had attempted to run away, an action which for all they know was due to nervousness and not due to any intention of evading arrest, he should be made to raise \$1,000 more in bail than the other. He suggested that clearly this was a case in which a reduction of bail should be made.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the charge of defrauding the revenue was a serious one.

Mr. Lo said that for all they knew at that moment, the revenue might only have been defrauded of \$10, and repeated his contention that bail in the sum of \$3,000 was unreasonable.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that Chiu (the "size foo") was of the class of Chinese who might run away, not having anything to hold him here. Besides, he (Mr. Lindsell) also had to consider the possibility that it might pay Chiu's principal to bail him out and get him to abscond. Perhaps he might have made certain statements which would go against the distillery. In the circumstances, he did not think that bail was too high. The only relief that he could give to Chiu was to allow him to give sureties for half the amount of the bail. Lau's \$2,000 bail was extended.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent Hong Kong, 23rd Aug., 1928.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Area in Sq. Ft.	Area in Sq. M.	Area in A.	Area in R.	Area in P.	Area in G.	Area in I.	Area in O.	Area in S.	Area in T.	Area in U.	Area in V.	Area in W.	Area in X.	Area in Y.	Area in Z.
1	At Mongkok, in the Colony of Hong Kong	1.762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762	1,762



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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, 25th August, 1928, at 2.15 p.m.

at Godown No. 1, The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

229 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar (more or less damaged) and

14 Chests Ceylon Tea.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 24th Aug., 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, & MONDAY, the 25th & 27th August, 1928, commencing each day at 10.30 a.m.

at the premises of Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., Des Voeux Road, Central.

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On View from 10 a.m., Thursday, the 23rd August, 1928.

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LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 21st August, 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, 25th August, 1928, at 12.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

One "Adephia" Motor Car, 19 H.P., 4 Cylinders, 5 Seats.

(now stored in the Garage of The Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd., Wong Nei Chong).

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Hong Kong, 23rd Aug., 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON TUESDAY, the 28th August, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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Iron and Teak Bedsteads with Mattresses, Single and Double Wardrobes with Mirror Doors, Marble Top Washstands, Dressing Tables, Camphor and Teak Wood Chests of Drawers, Side Tables, Cupboards, Chamber Stands, Toilet Crockery, etc., etc.

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Hong Kong, 22nd August, 1928.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

CLUB SECRETARIES are reminded that August 31st is the last day for which application for affiliation for the ensuing year can be accepted.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd August, 1928.

HONG KONG AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUB SECRETARIES desirous of entering teams in the above League for this season are reminded that entries close on the 31st August. Entrance fee \$20 for each team to accompany the application.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd August, 1928.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

REFEREES AFFILIATION.

REFEREES wishing to affiliate to the above Association for the ensuing year, should apply to the undersigned for the necessary form.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary, H.K.F.A.

Hong Kong, 23rd August, 1928.

LOST.

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STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during August, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:—

	Sunrise	Sunset
August	a.m.	p.m.
24	6.03	6.48
25	6.03	6.47
26	6.04	6.46
27	6.04	6.45
28	6.04	6.44
29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.42
31	6.05	6.41

THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE WEEK.

A NEW SECOND LIEUT.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps orders issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant read as follows:—

CORPS BAND.

The Band will parade at full strength on Tuesday and Friday, August 28 and 31, at Volunteer Headquarters. All Probationers will report to Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, August 28, at 5.30 p.m.

THE BATTERY.

General Meeting.—This will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, August 31, 5.45 p.m., when it is expected that every member will make a very special effort to be present. The parade ordered for 5.25 p.m. is cancelled.

Friday, September 7, 1928.—Parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. Layers Class on No. 1 Gun. Gun Drill on No. 2 Gun. Signal Section under Sergt. Jack.

MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Friday, August 24.—Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction. Sergt. Watson's section only.

Tuesday, August 28.—Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. for Riding School.

Friday, August 31.—Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteers Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction. Sergt. Pott's section only.

ARMOURD CAR CO.

Car Section.—Friday, August 24 and 31, 1928. Parades at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for lectures on Car Mechanism.

Monday, August 27.—Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

Motor Cycle Section.—Monday and Friday, August 27 and 31. The Section will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

Tuesday, August 28.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for formation ride.

Members whose machines are in Kowloon will parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5.45 p.m. under Sergt. Spradbery for a formation ride. Dress: Muffi.

Sunday, September 2.—A tactical scheme will be held in the New Territories. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10 a.m. A special lighter will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. Tiffin should be carried. Dress: Uniform, shorts, puttees, hosetops, and belts. Helmets will be worn.

MACHINE GUN CO.

Parades and N.C.O.'s classes for this month will be held on Fridays, August 24 and 31, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters as usual.

Dress: Muffi.

There will be a meeting of all Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Machine Gun Company at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, August 27, in the lecture room at Corps Headquarters.

Members of the Company are reminded that the Machine Gun Company Dinner will be held on Friday, September 14, 1928, at 7.45 p.m.

SCOTTISH COMPANY.

Vickers Gun Class of Instruction will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 1928.

Training Season, 1928-1929.—All ranks of the Company are notified that Company Parades will commence on Thursday September 6, and be continued thereafter every Thursday, details later.

STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1365 Pte. G. R. Payne, No. 2 Platoon, from August 17, 1928.

No. 1366 Pte. C. L. Gregory, No. 2 Platoon, from August 17, 1928.

No. 1367 Gnr. M. L. De Ville, The Battery, from August 22, 1928.

No. 1368 Pte. D. E. Ellis, No. 2 Platoon, from August 22, 1928.

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POSTING.

2nd-Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues is posted to the Portuguese Company.

TRANSFERS.

No. 786 Pte. C. D. Mead is transferred from Armoured Car Company to The Battery, as from August 9, 1928.

No. 832 Pte. W. J. Howard and No. 998 Pte. E. Zimmerman are transferred from Armoured Car Company to No. 2 Platoon (Machine Gun Company), as from August 1, 1928.

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Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.
HAKONE MARU (Calls Hull) Saturday, 8th September.
SUWA MARU Saturday, 22nd September.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.
TANGO MARU Monday, 19th September.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 24th October.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
CEYLON MARU (omit Penang) Tuesday, 28th August.
SADO MARU Tuesday, 11th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles.
Mexico & Panama.
BOKUYO MARU Saturday, 29th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.
KAWACHI MARU Thursday, 6th September.
NEW YORK AND BOSTON via PANAMA.
TAKETOYO MARU Saturday, 9th September.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
LYONS MARU (Calls Glasgow) Thursday, 13th September.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
AKITA MARU Thursday, 30th August.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Friday, 21st September.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TOKUSHIMA MARU (Moff direct) Wednesday, 29th August.
HAKOZAKI MARU Monday, 3rd September.

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AMAZON MARU Monday, 17th September.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARU Saturday, 29th September.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CELEBES MARU Monday, 3rd September.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 29th August.
CHICAGO MARU Friday, 28th September.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th August.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan ports.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
MADRAS MARU Wednesday, 5th September.
HAIIPHONG—Via Hongkong & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 30th August.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS
ANUR MARU Saturday, 1st September.
SANUKI MARU Friday, 14th September.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 28th August, Noon.
KISIU MARU Sunday, 2nd September at noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY
TAKAO & KEELUNG
SANUKI MARU Friday, 14th September.
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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

A BIG LIST.

Philoctetes (7187) British, from Oturu, Shanghai—B. & S.—4 packages salted fish for Hong Kong, 11,400 tons general cargo (through).
Foo Shing (1423) British, from Canton—J.M. & Co.—52 tons general cargo (through).
Lycan (4814) British, from Shanghai, Keelung—B. & S.—489 tons cargo (through).
Suiyang (1594) British, from Canton—B. & S.—250 passengers, 260 tons general cargo (through).
Linan (1856) British, from Shanghai—B. & S.—55 passengers, 60 tons general cargo (through).
Saarlund (4076) German, from Yokohama, Shanghai—Jebson & Co.—5 passengers, 10 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,200 tons general cargo (through).
Tonkin (907) French, from Haiphong—Mackinnon Mackenzie—45 passengers, 800 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Hanoi (630) French, from Haiphong, Port Bayard—Mackinnon Mackenzie—18 passengers, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Tjitaroom (8666) Dutch, from Soerabaya, Balikpapan—J.C.L.—299 passengers, 1,978 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,847 tons (through).
Clara Jebson (1145) Danish, from Saigon—Chang Tong Ha—293 passengers, 2,330 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.
Sun Kong (322) Chinese, from K. C. Wan—Man Yick Co.—300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Wing Lee (641) Chinese, from Port Bayard—83 passengers, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Wing On (289) Chinese, from Pakhoi, Hoihow—On Tai Loong.
For Swatow—Lushan Maru, Klung Chow, Hai Ning, Hydrangen, Yunnan, Deli Maru.
For Singapore—Wing Hong, Philoctetes.
For Shanghai—Kronprins Olav.
For Manila—Saarlund.
For Milke—Ixlon.
Clearances.
For Hoihow—Borneo, Kwang Tung.
For K. C. Wan—Tai Poo Sek.
Arrivals. Departures. In Port.
British 5 7 24
Japanese 0 2 3
Norwegian 0 1 5
Chinese 3 0 21
Danish 1 0 1
French 2 0 3
Dutch 1 0 4
German 1 1 0
American 0 0 1
Portuguese 0 0 2
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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Venezia-L." are reminded to take delivery of their goods, which will be subject to rent after August 26.
Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benlawers" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 29.

A ship's cook, who pleaded guilty to assaulting another man with a chopper on board the s.s. "Harunda," was fined \$25 by Mr. W. Schofield yesterday. Both parties were bound over on personal bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

COASTAL MOVES.

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

A "MATE" RESIGNS.

Mr. M. Defty, second officer, "Kueichow," has gone second officer, "Kalgan."
Mr. S. S. Marr, second officer, "Kalgan," is on reserve.
Mr. D. Buchanan, second officer, "Anhui," has gone second officer, "Kueichow."
Mr. F. E. B. Steer, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Anhui."
Mr. T. A. Ellis, sup'y second officer, "Hain Peking," has gone second officer, "Suiyang."
Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, "Anhui," has gone chief officer, "Antung."
Mr. W. T. Paul, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Anhui."
Mr. D. Needham, second officer, "Nanchang," has gone second officer, "Liangchow."
Mr. R. Bird has been appointed second officer, "Nanchang."
Mr. E. J. Hankin has been appointed sup'y second officer, "Hain Peking."
Mr. R. F. Young, third engineer officer, "Wuchang," has gone third engineer officer, "Changchow."
Mr. J. Jamieson, third engineer officer, "Changchow," has gone third engineer officer, "Wuchang."
Mr. J. W. S. Hood, second engineer officer, "Nanning," is on reserve.
Mr. R. W. Martin, third engineer officer, "Nanning," has gone acting second engineer officer, same ship.
Mr. A. Baggot, acting third engineer officer, "Ngankin," has gone acting third engineer officer, "Nanning."
Mr. G. Cormack, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, "Hain Peking."
Mr. W. F. Cowan, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, "Szechuan."
Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, sup'y third engineer officer, "Hain Peking," has gone third engineer officer, "Whang-pu."
Mr. A. E. F. Smith has been appointed third officer, "Fooshing."
Mr. J. R. Evans, second officer, "Chaksang," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.
Mr. F. E. Lane, chief officer, "Chaksang," has resigned.
Mr. H. G. Goddard, second officer, "Mausang," has gone sup'y second officer, "Chaksang."
Mr. G. Boyle, third officer, "Chaksang," has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. T. A. Howard, second officer, "Changwo," has gone second officer, "Kutwo."
Mr. C. R. Harris, second officer, "Kutwo," has gone second officer, "Changwo."
Mr. N. D. Fletcher has been appointed second officer, "Suiwo."
Mr. L. Bones, second officer, "Suiwo," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Manson, third engineer officer, "Mausang," has gone sup'y third engineer officer, "Kwaisang."
Mr. W. Croable, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, "Slangwo."
Mr. M. Hull, chief engineer officer, "Slangwo," is on reserve.
Mr. E. G. Ritchie, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Fausang."
Captain J. R. Smith, from reserve, has gone master, "Wing Lee."
Mr. M. M. Affanassieff, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Wing Lee."
Captain G. W. Sinclair, of the "Fook On," has gone master, "Kwong Ying."
Captain J. Hardinge, of the "Kwong Ying," has gone master, "Fook On."—Shipping and Engineering.

REMOVING SAND.

THREE CHINESE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

Three Chinese, two of them described as steersmen, the other as a master of their junk, appeared before Mr. Walter Schofield at the Kowloon Court this morning, in answer to a charge of removing sand from beaches within the prohibited area. They pleaded guilty.
In outlining the case, Sergeant Shepherd, of the Water Police, said that the first and second defendants had removed sand from the beach called Sam Pak, while the third defendant had committed a similar offence at a beach called Ngau Kwai Wan. Defendants did not have permits and, according to police records, all had previous convictions for a similar offence. A fine of \$100 was imposed, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment.

NINE VESSELS.

ALLEGED DISCREPANCIES IN LOAD LINE, ETC.

Owing to discrepancies in load line and passenger certificates, nine vessels flying the Chinese flag have been held up by the Harbour authorities.

These vessels are the Taiszema, Fook Lee, Shui Hing, Sun On, Wing Wo, Chung Hing, Soon Ann, Sun Sai Kai and Chuen Lee.
It is reported that the s.s. "Taiszema" is entering for repairs at once.

Certain owners, it is believed, have protested through the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and the Colonial Secretariat.

TOW-BOATS.

AN EXPERIMENT THAT "DID NOT WORK."

Although tow-boats here do not attract much general notice, there are, it appears, no fewer than eight plying between Hong Kong and Canton.

These tow-boats formerly formed an organisation known as the Hang On Company, and carried on business on a comfortable scale until a few months ago when dissension arose.

In order to compete with each other, the freight was reduced by 30 per cent. with the result that each boat sustained a loss of \$1,500 per month.

Eventually, the owners got together and decided to re-organise the company, fixing the date for tow-boats to leave port within four days of arrival and without regard to the amount of freight. Freight is also now to be charged according to the original scale.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on August 8, left Yokohama on August 16, noon, and is due at Vancouver to-morrow.

The M.V. "Romolo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Shanghai on Aug. 23, and is due here on Sunday.

The B. I. s.s. "Gambada" left Singapore for this port on August 22 a.m., and is due here on Monday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived Manila yesterday at 8 a.m., leaves Manila to-day at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Sunday at 9 a.m. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on August 29 at noon.

The M.V. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on July 22, and is due here on or about August 31.

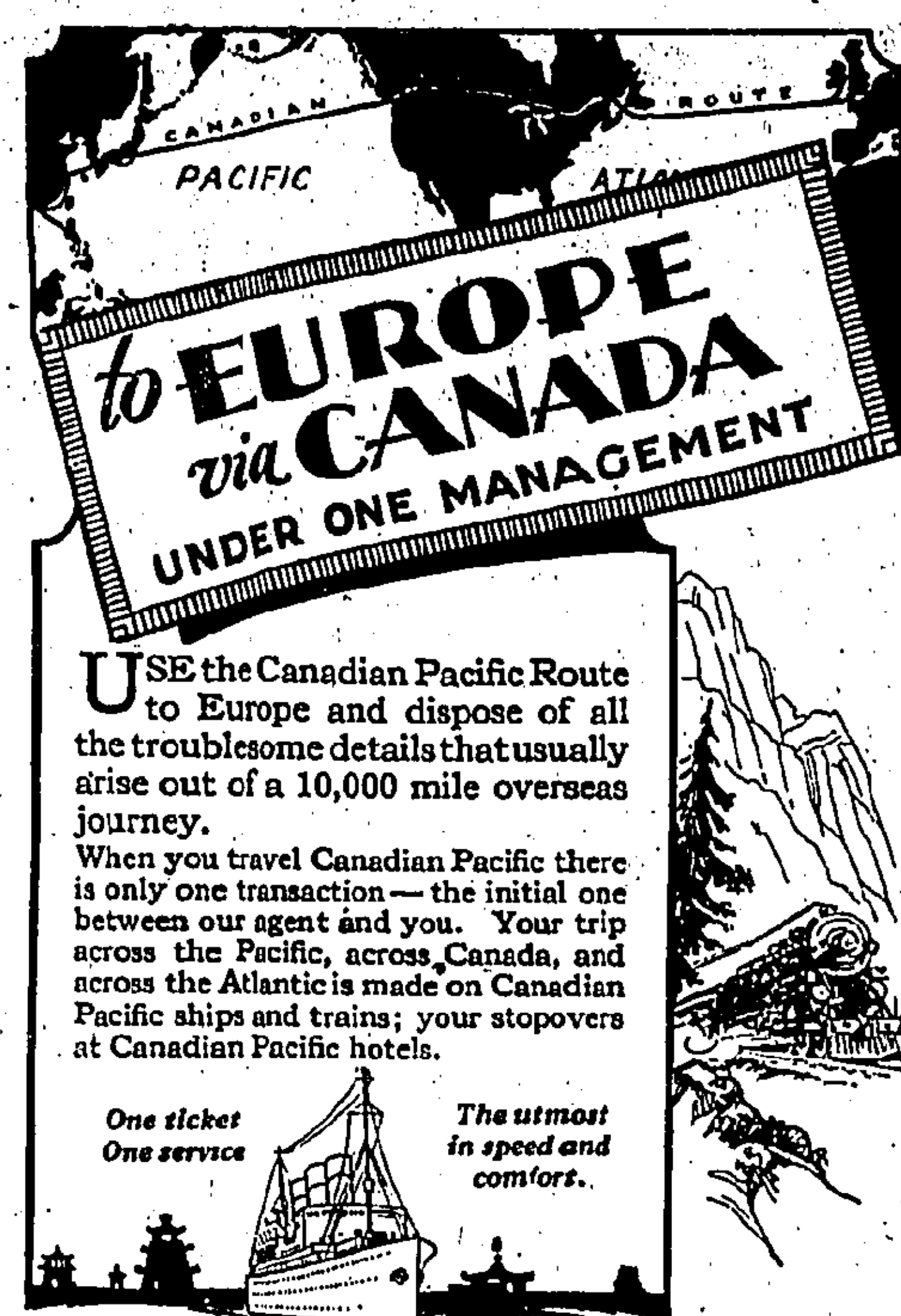
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on August 16, and is due here on September 3.

The s.s. "Dacre Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on Aug. 16, and is due in Manila on Sept. 5.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Karachi on August 28 and is expected here on September 13.

The M.V. "Toledo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Norfolk on July 29, and is due in Hong Kong on Sept. 24.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from Norfolk on Aug. 14, and is due in Hong Kong on Oct. 10.



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As a result of the expenses imposed upon shipping in Norway through the State control of this branch of industry the competitive capacity of the smallest ships has been reduced, and it is calculated that no fewer than 100,000 dead-weight tons have been transferred to foreign flags since the beginning of this year.

In this connection the committee of the Bergen Stock Exchange recall the fact that when reporting on the year 1926 it was mentioned that the renewal of the Norwegian merchant fleet was proceeding for a dominating part in the direction of the acquisition of large ships. During 1927 the committee say that there is the additional fact that the smaller ships have to an increased extent been sold to other countries. The decline of the smaller ships is said to have now become so serious that it must attract the attention of all interested in shipping. Between 1914 and 1928 the number of ships throughout the world of between 500 and 2,000 tons has been increased by 7 per cent., whereas this group in the Norwegian fleet has diminished by 24 per cent.

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If the development should continue the committee state that Norwegian shipping activity will be hit severely. Large shipping undertakings do not arise suddenly in a small country that is poor in capital; all the large shipping concerns have developed from a modest beginning, often with small ships. If this part of Norwegian shipping stagnates for a long time with the result that it is reduced to a minimum, the committee state that it will have incalculable consequences. It must be remembered that the smaller ships, which ply in the near home waters, have

a relatively greater importance for the economy of the country than the large ships; they require proportionately larger crews and thus afford more employment for seamen. They are equipped and repaired more frequently at home, and most of the shipyards are based upon the renewal and repair of this part of the merchant fleet. Under the circumstances the committee express the wish that the committee of the Department of Commerce, which is investigating the causes of the laying up of Norwegian ships, will be able to set forth clearly the reasons why the small ships are succumbing to competition. Moreover, the hope is expressed that the State authorities will afford relief from the special burdens which press on shipping. The State, least of all, would be served by the collapse of this important branch of shipping.

Seamen's Resolution. A delegate meeting has just been held in Sandefjord of the seamen's associations in joint assembly, the members of which are, or have been, seamen, and most are active captains or former captains.

Concerning the competitive capacity of the smaller Norwegian ships the meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution:—"Induced by the fact that our steamers are no longer able to compete with the ships of various other seafaring nations, and for this reason are sold abroad to the prejudice also of the seamen, the meeting recommends the State authorities to relieve the conditions of the shipowners." Among other matters it is suggested that shipowners should be exempted from the expenses which rightly should devolve upon the State, particularly all the expenses resulting from maritime control.

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Barrow.—From Vickers Armstrong's shipyard at Barrow there was launched, recently, H.M.S. "Medway," the naming ceremony being performed by Lady Chatfield, wife of Sir A. Ernsl Chatfield, Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy. "Medway" has been specially designed to act as depot and repair ship for submarine flotillas, and has many new features. She has a length of 545ft., and, in addition to accommodation for the crew, has space for her own complement and repair staff. Her workshops include a foundry, machine shop, plate shop and smithy, plumbers' shop, with a large area fitted with all necessary machinery to carry out submarine repairs.

The main propelling machinery will consist of a pair of double cylinder two stroke internal-combustion engines made by Vickers Armstrong under M.A.N. licence. These engines represent an innovation in Britain.

At the luncheon after the launch, Sir Trevor Dawson presented Lady Chatfield with a handsome diamond brooch as a souvenir. In proposing success to the ship, Sir Trevor said 144 submarines had been built at Barrow for the British Admiralty. In 1914 two stroke Diesel engines were manufactured and were running, but when the war came along all experimental work of that kind had to cease, and foreign competitors, continuing their research work, overtook them in what turned out to be a very important industry.

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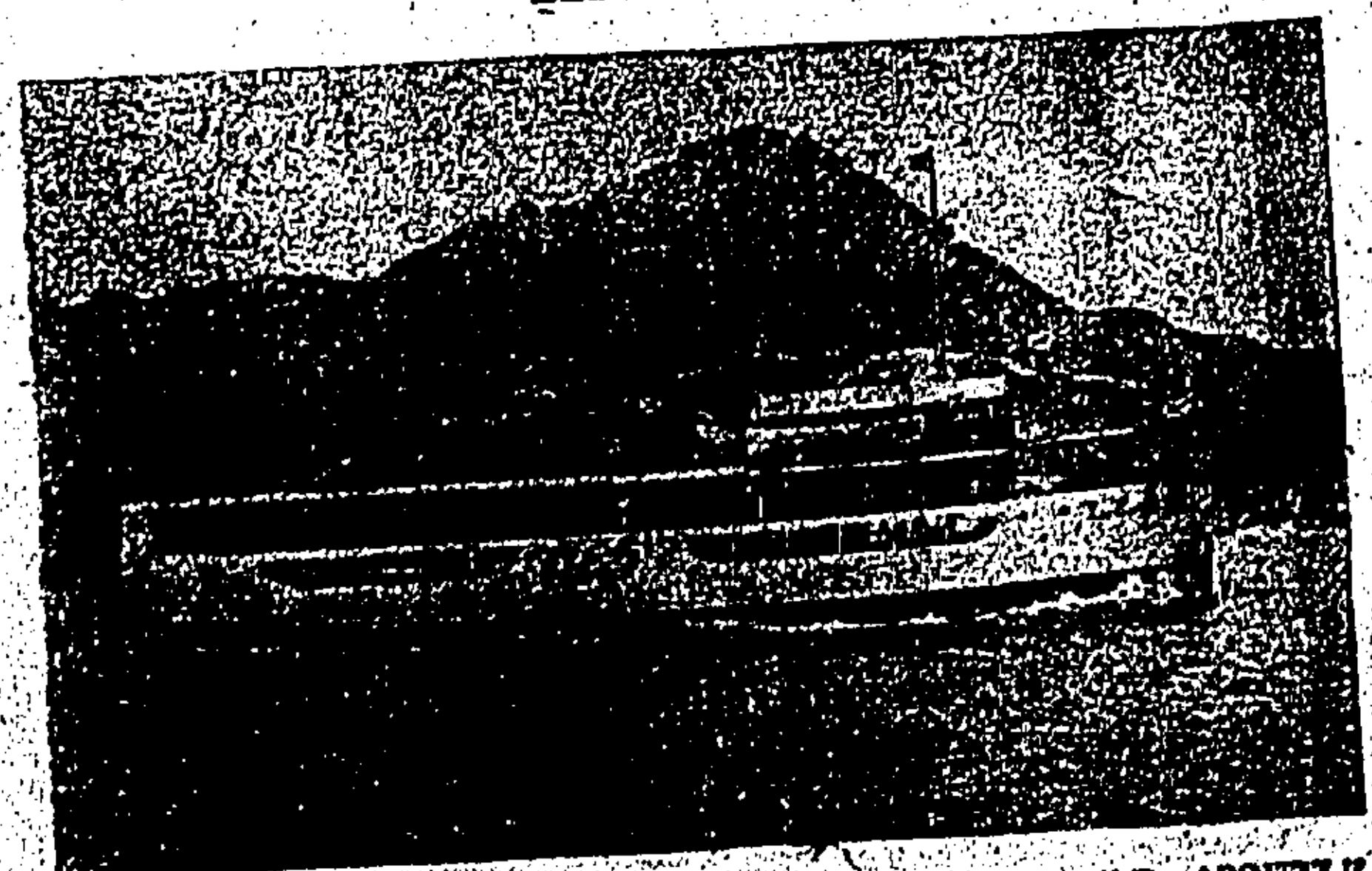
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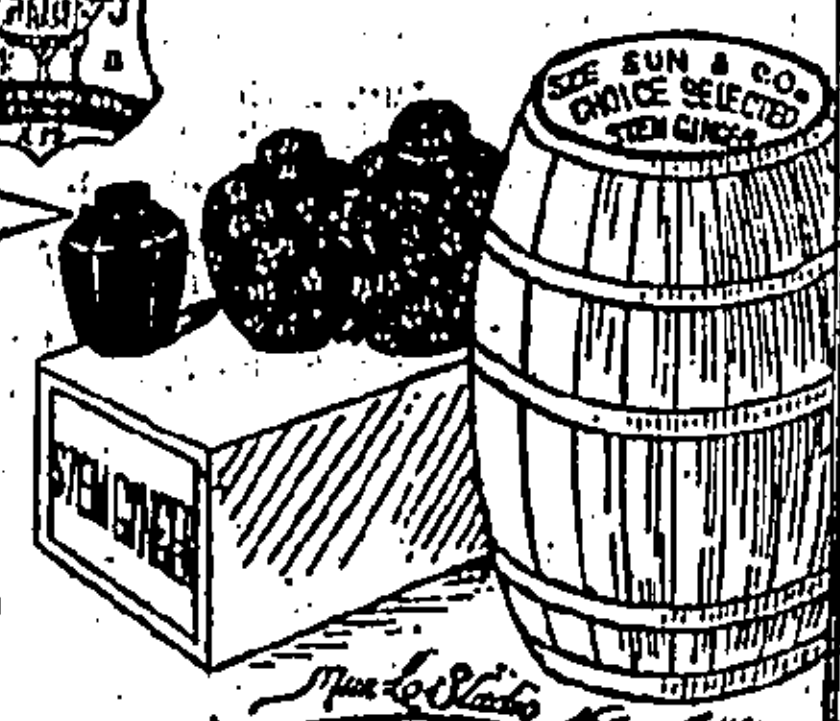
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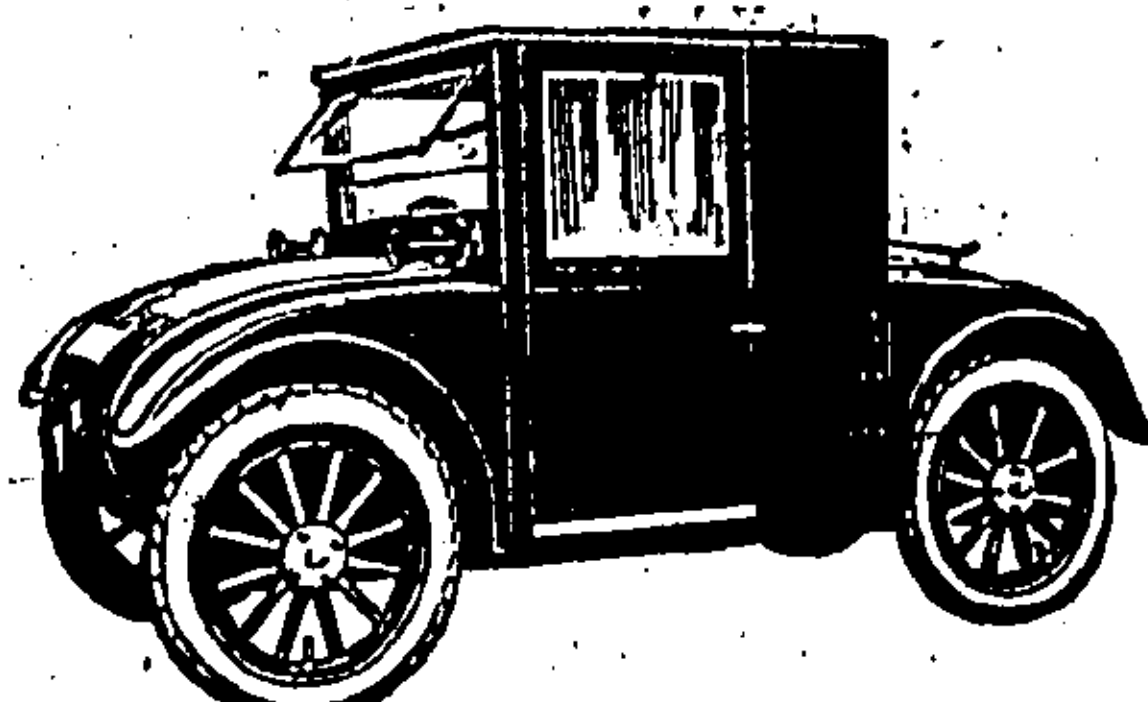
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RENT AND FOOD IN THE COLONY.

We were glad to note that at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce meeting, on Wednesday, several letters were read from Chinese residents. The writers complained of what they, with good reason, termed the "extraordinary increase of rents" to which they have had to submit of late. The increases, it seems, range from 20 per cent. to 60 per cent. and it was stated that in some instances the increase had actually been "100 per cent. or even more." We have no reason to doubt the accuracy of these statements, and, judging by the fact that some of the letters involving two members of the Chamber, were actually published in the Chinese Press, it would appear that the Chamber also does not doubt their accuracy. It is good that such grievances should be ventilated, as it is intolerable that this rack-renting tendency of a certain callous class of property owners should be allowed to pass unnoticed. We have, and all decent people must have, every sympathy with tenants who are at the mercy of such rack-renters, and we think that the least they, (the luckless tenants) should be content with should be the writing of such letters as they have written to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. They should also endeavour to have them published, with as many details as possible, in the Chinese Press. Some years ago, when houses were much scarcer than they are to-day, there was possibly some excuse for landlords reaping as big a harvest as they could but

that time has long since past, and if a sort of recurrence of their "good luck" has come to them in the shape of a more or less continued influx of Chinese into the Colony, owing to the unsettled state of Canton and other places, such by no means justifies the exorbitant and, in some cases, outrageous increases. As Mr. Ho Lu states if food and rent further increase it will be almost impossible for many to continue business in the Colony.

We regard his recommendation to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, to the effect that a Board of Arbitration to settle disputes on rent should be formed, as quite sound, and we trust that some such body will be formed. It is perfectly clear that both in regard to rents and food prices are altogether out of proportion. There may be a sound reason for rents of new buildings being higher, as labour and material are to-day somewhat more expensive than they were, say, a dozen years ago. But the increase of either by no means justifies the extortionate prices that are nowadays quite calmly demanded. It is high time that something should be done to put an effective check upon what is little short of being callous rapacity.

As for food, we are of opinion that there is much less justification for the increases, that have been gradually manifesting themselves more and more during the last ten years. There is undoubtedly good reason for imported foods being more expensive, but local foods are nowadays being sold out of all proportion to their original cost. Of course if people do not agitate against such an unsatisfactory state of affairs, it is unlikely that the producers are going to reduce their prices. The vast majority of residents can do little or nothing in the matter, which is one obviously for the Government; and it is more than time that something were done. The rents in this Colony are, in very many instances, outrageously high, particularly in the case of buildings erected years ago: while the ordinary foods in the local markets have been increased, in many cases, out of all proportion to their value. As already stated, it is high time that something should be done to rectify these hardships, which are by no means creditable to the Colony.

The police raised the Chinese Seamen's Association on Wednesday evening but made no arrest.

Mr. Mok Wing-sun (Mu Yung-hsien), a former General and Governor of Kwangtung, who has been staying here for sometime, has left Hong Kong for Wuchow by the s.s. "Kong Ning."

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Kenneth Wales Beard, R.N., H.M.S. "Tamar," and Miss Margaret Elise, daughter of Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., and Mrs. Bird of Hong Kong.

An unemployed house coolie, who was charged by an amah, employed by Dr. J. E. Dovey, with throwing stones into the basement of No. 1 Armond Buildings, to the danger of the inmates, was fined \$15 at the Magistracy yesterday.

The Theosophical Order of Service, an international organisation for the helping of humanity along lines of practical brotherhood in the light of Theosophy, has appointed Mr. Herbert E. Lanepart of Hong Kong as its Chief Brother for China.

A Chinese, who entered the first floor of a house in Woosung-street, Yau-mat, a month ago, with felonious intentions, but fell into the street after being surprised, was sentenced to three months' hard labour on being discharged from hospital.

While on a ferry launch, at the Yau-mat Ferry Wharf yesterday, two Chinese quarrelled, with the result that blows were exchanged. This morning they appeared at the Kowloon Court before Mr. W. Schofield, charged with assault. The magistrate ordered both parties to put up a personal bond of \$50 to keep the peace for a year.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Pang Chun-sang, who had, for twenty years, been commander in the steamers of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. He was 51 years of age and lived in Lee Yuen-street. The remains were placed on board the s.s. "Lungshan" yesterday afternoon for conveyance to Canton for burial.

A demonstration of fire fighting with the Automatic Carbonic Acid Dry Fire Extinguisher, "Total," will take place at the Hong Kong Fire Brigade (General Station Compound) Des Voeux-road Central, on Tuesday, August 28, at 5.30 p.m. when a motor car in perfect running order and condition will be set on fire and extinguished with the motor car model, "Auto-Total."

Two Chinese seamen were yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of 29,000 "My Dear" brand and 24,900 "Three Star" brand cigarettes, on which duty amounting to over \$215 had not been paid. The cigarettes were seized by Revenue Officers on board a sampan lying off Cheung-sha-wan early on Wednesday morning. Fines of \$300 each were imposed, or, in default, three months' hard labour, his Worship remarking that he was of opinion that the defendants were not the principals in the smuggling of the cigarettes.

The Duke of Connaught, who has been suffering from slight nasal trouble, continues to make satisfactory progress. Sir Hedworth Meux is making excellent progress and no further bulletins will be issued. The Countess of Limerick, who is seriously ill at Hall Place, Bexley, is progressing favourably. She had a good night. Mrs. Annie Beant, who has a severe chill, is about the same, says a London paper to hand.

SESSIONS TRIAL.

LAST CASE ON LIST CONTINUES TO-DAY.

LONG CROSS-EXAMINATION.

The last case of nine in the August Criminal Sessions continued in the Chief Justice's Court this morning. The case began yesterday and evidence for the Crown had not been completed this morning on account of the lengthy and detailed cross-examination by counsel.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby) defended four Chinese of the fishermen class who are charged with kidnapping a man for ransom on May 15, and unlawful detention. The alleged victim's brother was questioned this morning as to the size, dimensions, etc., of a boat he said he had gone on to negotiate the amount of ransom. Case proceeding.

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AUCTIONEER'S REPORTEE AT POWELL'S.

LADIES' TEAM-WORK PAYS.

Buyers acting on behalf of Wellington-street furniture shops and other second-hand stores elsewhere who are present at every auction room in the Colony, were routed at Powell's old premises this morning when the clearing-out sale began, under the auspices of Mr. Lionel Lammert.

When two smart sunhats (for children) were put up, one of these habitués shouted, as is his wont:—Twenty-five shillings!

Mr. Lammert immediately retorted:—Time you changed that one of yours—referring both to the customary bid and the bidder's dilapidated headgear.

Tactics Pay. Prices were "dirt cheap" but still the auction room family ghosts failed to score. Squads of ladies of all nationalities were there to outbid them for anything worth having. The ladies became "wise with experience." They let the habitués make the pace early on, so to speak, and came into position towards the end to snap up the bargains.

During the few minutes that a "China Mail" man looked in there, he saw a box of babies' rattles go for less than a dollar and other odds and ends for less. Some of the stuff fetched good prices.

A "GOLD" RING.

LEADS TO \$20 FINE AND 3 WEEKS' "HARD."

While on "paw shop" duty, a Chinese detective entered one of the establishments in Waterloo-road, yesterday and saw a Chinese endeavouring to pawn a ring. The man said that he had bought the ring from a goldsmith's shop. He was taken to the Yau-mat Police Station, where he was given an opportunity to find the alleged goldsmith's shop. He then said that he found the ring while he was sweeping the floor of a house, where he was formerly employed.

This morning he appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, and pleaded guilty.

A Chinese, dressed in European clothes, appeared as complainant. The Magistrate: What is the value of the ring.

Complainant: \$2.50.

A fine of \$20 with the alternative of 3 weeks' hard labour was imposed.

P'RAPS P'RAPS NOT!

They had quarrelled seriously. Finally the wife declared angrily: "I'm going home to my mother!" The husband maintained his calm in the face of this calamity and drew out his purse.

"Here," he said, "is the money for your fare."

The wife took it and counted it. Then she faced her husband scornfully.

"But that isn't enough for a return ticket!"

Joseph and his young wife had at last contrived to get a house of their very own. It was a rather small house. When Joseph's bachelor chum, George, called to see them he eyed the stately mansion a little doubtfully.

"Joe," he ventured, "it's awfully small, isn't it?"

Joseph had to admit this, but—

"Its smallness has advantages," he defended.

"In what way?" queried George.

"For instance," replied Joseph, "it's so handy in the morning, if the postman calls early with a parcel, to lean out of the bedroom window and take it from him."

"Is that bottle the only consolation you have in the world?"

"Oh, no, ma'am—I got another one in my pocket."

"Why," asked the Magistrate severely, "did you strike your husband with a kitchen chair?"

"Because," said the lady, "I couldn't lift the kitchen stove."

Spectator: "That referee looks as if he'll get into hot water when the match is over."

Local Supporter: "He won't; it's all arranged. He's going into the horse-trough."

The hostess was talking to one of her guests as the two sat on the lawn listening to the chimes recital.

"Beautiful, aren't they?"

"Pardon," inquired the guest.

"I say, they're beautiful, aren't they?"

"I'm sorry," roared the guest, "but I can't hear a word for those blinkin' chimes."

Jimmy was invited to a children's party, and on the table among the other good things stood a glistening strawberry jelly. The vibration of passing traffic caused it to quiver and shake.

Presently, when Jimmy's turn came to be served, the hostess said:

"Will you have some jelly, Jimmy?"

"No thank you," said Jimmy promptly. "It's not dead yet."

After a great deal of excitement, the Smiths had managed to catch the train, and were now installed in the carriage, thinking of the things they had forgotten.

Suddenly Mrs. Smith shrieked:

"Oh, Harry, I forgot to turn off the electric heater."

"Never mind, dear," returned her husband. "Nothing will burn, for I forgot to turn off the shower bath!"

General: "Confound you, sir, why don't you be more careful?"

Army Clerk: "What do you mean, sir?"

General: "Why, instead of addressing this letter to the Intelligence Officer, you have addressed it to the Intelligent Officer. You should know there is no such person in the army."



CHINESE SOCIETY WEDDING. The wedding of Mr. Yusan H. Chan, son of the late Mr. Chu Kin-low, one time Managing Director of the Peking-Mukden Railway, and Miss Sinita Bong, daughter of Mr. C. Z. Bong, of Nauchin, a veteran member of the Kuomin-tang, was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Range-road, Shanghai. The maid of honour was Miss Rosaline Wu and the best man, Mr. Tain-see Yen. The bridesmaids were Misses Arline Lee (left) and Loo-nih How (right). The page boy and flower girl were Walter Yip and Yuki Chao respectively. (China Times Sunday)

A NEW "SIX."

(Continued from Page 1.)
Platons are of the Nelson type—made of a special aluminium alloy—with invar steel strut to prevent distortion, thus ensuring increased power, smoother operation and longer engine life.

25 TO THE GALLON.

A silent timing chain drives the camshaft and auxiliary shaft, assuring quiet, smooth operation.

Other mechanical features of the new Whippet Six are chrome silicon valves, banjo-type rear axle housing, (the axle being of the semi-floating type with removable shaft), pump circulating cooling system, Thermostat control, air cleaner, petrol filter, snubbers and Tryon spring shackles. Four-wheel brakes fitted in the new Whippet Six are of the superior mechanical type, which give more service braking surface per pound of car weight than is theretofore found in 6-cylinder cars.

These and other advantages are frankly amazing when one considers the low price for which the Whippet Six is offered. Another feature which tells heavily in favour of the new car is its unequalled fuel economy. It does 25 miles to the gallon with its powerful 23.4 H.P. engine which is capable of developing 43 H.P., thus giving it ample hill climbing ability without forcing.

"POINTS."

I learn that in a 24-hour test run before the new Whippet Six was finally passed by its builders, the car averaged 56.52 miles per hour. This is claimed to be a record for cars costing less than U.S. \$1,000. In other tests the new car demonstrated remarkable economy, flashing pick-up and the ability to travel at 60 or more miles per hour.

During yesterday's "spin," points about the new Whippet Six which made themselves immediately evident were its well sprung body with the wheels gliding smoothly beneath it, and the smooth running and noiseless engine, with a responsiveness which permits the car to accelerate at once, or just as quickly throttle down to the minimum at the will of the driver, without jerks or jumps. The action of the brakes, too, was instant and powerfully efficient, with an absence of jolting to the occupants which is remarkable.

SPECIFICATIONS.

Condensed specifications of the new Whippet Six are:

Brakes: Bendix internal expanding on front wheels. External contracting on rear. Total braking area 220 square inches. Service brake operates on all four wheels, emergency brake on rear wheels only.

Clutch: Single plate type, dry. Easily adjustable. Clutch throw-out bearings fitted for Alemite lubrication.

Cooling System: Pump-circulation—thermostat controlled. Cellular radiator. Capacity 3½ Imperial gallons. Four-blade fan.

Electric System: Auto-Lite unit, 6-volt single wire electrical system, USL battery. Starting motor acts on flywheel through Bendix drive.

Engine: 6-cylinder, 3¼-inch bore, 3½-inch stroke, L-head type. Cylinders and crankcase cast in bloc; cylinders honed; removable cylinder head; seven-bearing crankshaft. Aluminium alloy pistons, with invar strut, Nelson type. N.A.C.C. horsepower 23.4 actual brake horsepower 43 at 2,800 R.P.M. Chrome silicon exhaust valves. Air cleaner. Petrol filter.

Equipment: Automatic windshield cleaner. Rear view mirror. Combination tail and stop light. Snubbers at both front wheels. Stewart-Warner speedometer. Motor driven horn. Spare rim and tyre carrier.

Full set tools. Dome light in Sedan and Coach.

Front Axle: Reverse Elliott type. I-beam section drop-forged in one piece and heat-treated. Steering knuckles carried on Timken radial bearings and bronze vertical bushings.

Gear Box: Selective sliding gear—3 speeds forward and 1 reverse. Single shaft ball type shift lever.

Lubrication: Full force-feed to crankshaft, camshaft and connecting rod bearings, spray for cylinder walls, pistons, piston pins and valve mechanism. Pressure gauge on dash. Oil capacity 5.83 Imperial quarts.

Rear Axle: Semi-floating; shaft removable. One-piece pressed steel housing, "banjo-type." Removable inspection plate. Timken roller bearings throughout.

Springs: Semi-elliptic, chrome vanadium steel. Front springs 34½ inches long; rear springs 51½ inches long. Snubbers, Tryon shackles.

Steering Gear: Full worm and gear type. Irreversible. Assembly designed for use with 4-wheel brakes and balloon tyres. Adjustable steering post. Right or left-hand drive.

Wheels: Artillery type—12 spokes each. Full balloon tyres, 28" x 4½"

REEL CLUB.

BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ENCOURAGING SUPPORT.

Under the auspices of St. Andrew's Society, the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Reel Club was held yesterday in the City Hall. A large number of members was present, including many ladies.

Mr. A. L. Shields presided. He was supported by Mr. K. S. Morrison, C. I. Cooke and Mr. G. Duncan, members of the committee.

The chairman delivered his address as follows:—
"Our activities are fully dealt with in the report and I think you will agree that the accounts are most satisfactory in view of recent formation of the Club. The support received has been very encouraging, and we have already received proposals for a considerable number of new members."

NON-SCOTTISH MEMBERS
"We have quite a few non-Scottish members who are most enthusiastic, and keen, and we hope many more will come forward this year. I think it is being realised that a willingness to kick the heels to pipe music does not make a reel dancer, and the excellence and precision of the Scottish dances at the last St. Andrew's Ball clearly reflected the hard work put in by our honorary instructors and the interest displayed by our members."

"We are not content to rest on our laurels of last year, and confine our entire attention to the dances for St. Andrew's Ball. We have instructors who can teach any Scottish solo dance and also the fine old Scottish country dances, and this year we hope to initiate those of our members who are not so fortunate as to know the joys of performing them."

"Scottish music and dancing are a fine heritage from our ain folk in that grey rugged Homeland of ours, a heritage which I believe will still be cherished when the syncopated rhythm of the African jungle which has rocked the world for the past few years has shuffled into oblivion."

A COMPLIMENT.

"As you may know, the Reel Club has been asked to take part in the Tattoo in October, and we have been allotted an item in the programme for a Display on one of the three nights. We are also taking part in a scene each night in conjunction with the Philharmonic and Amateur Dramatic Societies. This is indeed a compliment to the Reel Club. We are grateful to those members who are devoting so much time to rehearsals, and we look forward to the good show which we know they will give the Colony."

"We all regret the absence today of our President, Mr. Stevenson, who has very ably filled the position, and we owe a great deal to his hard work in an advisory capacity and to his enthusiasm in taking part in the dances. A hearty vote of thanks inadequately expresses our indebtedness to him."

"I would also express the thanks of the Club to our energetic hon. secretary, Mr. Sutherland. He has worked hard in organising and carrying on the work of the Club, and I am sure you all highly appreciate his efforts."

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mr. D. L. McWhirter seconded the adoption of the report and accounts—and the chairman's motion was carried.

New officers were elected as follows:

President: Mr. A. L. Shields—proposed by Mr. C. I. Cooke, seconded by Mr. K. S. Morrison.
Hon. secretary: Mr. R. O. Sutherland—proposed by Mr. A. A. McKintosh, seconded by Mr. G. Duncan.

Hon. treasurer: Mr. W. Beveridge—proposed by Mr. K. S. Morrison, seconded by Mr. C. I. Cooke.

Committee: Mr. G. Duncan, Mr. C. I. Cooke, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. A. A. McKintosh, Mrs. Ralston—proposed by Mr. A. L. Shields, seconded by Mr. H. C. Hight.

Mr. R. O. Sutherland announced that the season will open on Wednesday, Sept. 26 when the first practice dance for St. Andrew's Ball will be held, and that there will be at least ten practices before the ball.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Shields, proposed by Mr. Sutherland, was carried with acclamation.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Reel Club was presented as follows:—

We have the pleasure of presenting to you the report and statement of accounts for the 1927 season of the Reel Club. The balance to the credit of the Club, it will be noted is \$333.34.

The first meeting of the Club during the 1927 season, was held at the Helena May Institute, from 5.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 21, and continued on every succeeding Wednesday until the date of St. Andrew's Ball. Ten practices in all.

We have had 14 members resign from the Club and 49 new members join, our membership now is 100 which is the limit number. Members having friends who wish to join are invited to fill in entrance forms and send them in to the hon. secretary as it is intended to raise the number of members to 150. Entrance subscription \$2 per head. Annual subscription \$5 per head.

We have held children's classes this season as an experiment. These have been held at the Helena May Institute every Tuesday from February 7, to April 10 from 5.30 p.m.—5.50 p.m. Eighteen children attended. Subscription \$5. It is intended to continue these classes and therefore it is hoped further support will be forthcoming since it is proposed to run these classes on a larger scale.

SUBSCRIPTION DANCES.

Subscription dances were held in October, November and January at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant from 9.30 p.m.—1 a.m. the programme embracing Scottish and modern ballroom dances.

These dances proved very enjoyable and were self-supporting, but it is to be hoped that more members will avail themselves of these miniature St. Andrew's Balls.

We are very much indebted to Mrs. Strange, Miss Whyte, Miss Stevenson, Messrs. G. S. Brown, T. P. Sanderson, J. A. Douglas, W. Robertson, D. L. McWhirter, J. C. Thomson, W. L. Alexander, and H. V. Parker, for the splendid work and keenness they have shown in the interests of the Club on sub-committees.

We are sorry to lose such stalwart supporters of the Club, as the Misses Shaw, Miss Stirling and Admiral Stirling, and Col. and Mrs. Mackintosh, who have left the Colony.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. I. Cooke to whom our thanks are due.

With a balance of \$22 transferred from previous years' subscriptions, profits from seasonal dances and interest, the figures show disbursements to Helena May Institute, musicians and advertising, culminating in an improved financial standing. From the three dances held at Lane, Crawford's restaurant in October, November and January, the Club funds benefited to the extent of \$79.50. This profit was added to Reel Club, augmenting the balance on the year's working.

LAURA LA PLANTE.

STARRING AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

CLEVER DANCERS.

"Thanks for the Buggy Ride," screened for the first time at the Queen's Theatre at all performances yesterday, is a highly amusing picture dealing with the adventures of a New York song writer and his sweetheart, a dancing instructor.

Laura La Plante has the leading feminine role and Glen Tryon plays the hero of the story.

The fun commences when Joe (Glen Tryon) escorts Jenny (Laura La Plante) home after an accidental meeting. They subsequently become business partners as well as sweethearts and make several unsuccessful attempts to sell Joe's latest composition. The publisher, having had his advances previously repulsed by Jenny, flatly refuses to hear the song but Jenny eventually "puts it over" by a clever ruse.

Prior to the cinema picture at the 9.20 performance, the youthful dancers Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell again presented a pleasing programme of dances and songs. Of the six items, the famous "Black Bottom" was easily the most popular and was very well received.

COSTLY REVOLVER.

STOKER ARRESTED AFTER BAIL ESTREATED.

\$500 OR 6 MONTHS.

After his bail of \$1,500 had been estreated, on account of his non-appearance in Court last week to answer a charge of unlawful possession, without a licence, of a .38 revolver, Lam Shiu, chief stoker of the s.s. "Winamac," was arrested by the police on a warrant issued by the Kowloon Magistrate.

Yesterday afternoon he was brought to the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson, O.B.E.

The weapon was found on the defendant during a search on the Yaumatei ferry wharf, whilst he was about to board the ferry boat. Entering a plea of "guilty," Mr. A. E. Hall, for the defence, said "I find, your Worship, that the defendant gave a wrong impression by not coming to Court when the case was formally remanded and his bail was estreated. I would like to explain that he did not sign any bond and consequently did not know. There was no intention to run away from the Colony."

In passing sentence, Mr. Schofield said that taking all these facts into consideration their Worships had agreed that the case would be met if a fine of \$500 was imposed, or in default six months' hard labour. No order would be made in respect of the estreated bail.

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The Club is appealing for new members, who must be proposed in the first place by a member of the Reel Club and seconded by a member of St. Andrew's Society. These as pointed out by the chairman, need not necessarily be of Scottish descent and it is hoped that many more will join.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

CLEVER DANCERS.

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Thanks for the Buggy Ride"; also the famous juvenile dancers at 9.20 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "The Circus."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Million Dollar Handicap."

August 28—Queen's Theatre; "Love Me, And The World Is Mine."

August 29, 31—Theatre Royal; Cecilia Hansen, the world's greatest violinist.

Lammerts' Auctions.

August 25, 27 — At Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., 12 Des Voeux Rd., C.I., the remainder of stock, and shop fixtures, etc., etc., 10.30 a.m.

August 26—At Sales Room, one "Adelphi" Motor Car, 19 h.p., 4-cylinders, 5 seats, 12.30 p.m.

August 26—At H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon (Godown No. 1) 225 bags Java white sugar and 14 chests Ceylon Tea, 2.15 p.m.

August 28—At Sales Room, household and Canton Blackwood furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

August 29—At China Light & Power Co., Ltd. Godown, Mongkok, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Land Sales.

August 27—At P.W.D. Offices, Crown lands at Shamshulpo and Mongkok, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

Aug. 27—Meeting of all officers and N.C.O.'s of the H.K.V.D.C. Machine Gun Co. at Corps Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

August 30—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club confirmatory meeting.

Sept. 2—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club meeting at the Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

Sports.

To-day — H.K.V.D.C. aquatic sports at Victoria Recreation Club, 9 p.m.

August 25 — Royal Artillery aquatic sports at V.R.C. bath, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 28—Fire fighting demonstration at H. K. Fire Brigade Station, Des Voeux Rd. C.I., 5.30 p.m.

August 29—Second Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Y. M. Club.

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SHANGHAI CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Miss Mary Ferguson (Molly) Cormack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cormack, became the bride of Mr. Francis Edward Smith, son of Mrs. F. J. Brand. The bridegroom is a member of the Armoured Car Co., S.V.C., and the wedding was a military one, being escorted by an armoured car. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for a trip to Amoy to spend their honeymoon soon after the wedding ceremony. Misses Grace Jack and Edith Cormack were bridesmaids and Mr. R. C. Johnson was best man. (Carson Studio).

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THE 'GATE-CRASHER.'

WHAT A PEERESS
RECOMMENDS.

STALWART "CHUCKERS OUT."

[By The Baroness Farnival.]

The problem of the uninvited guest is again becoming acute, and agitating the givers of parties.

After all, it is distinctly trying, to say the least, if—as occurred recently to a well-known Mayfair hostess—a hundred guests were invited, and three hundred arrived!

In this particular instance, too, the financial aspect assumed great importance, owing to the fact that the lady in question was dispensing her hospitality from a fashionable hotel at so much per head. And the subsequent unexpected invasion compelled her to pay out a considerably higher amount than she had originally anticipated or desired.

Refusals were rendered more difficult if not impossible, because a proportion of the two hundred uninvited guests were brought by invited guests.

SUCH DESPERADOES.

This ruse of giving a personal party, and paying off hospitality at the expense of another individual's private banking account, is becoming far too prevalent, and should certainly be stopped. Indeed, one feels that strong measures should be taken to protect poor unsuspecting hostesses from such desperadoes as these!

To give a big dance in these days entails not only a considerable material expense and outlay, but likewise an enormous amount of forethought on the part of the hostess. It is both discouraging and annoying to have all her plans upset and her rooms uncomfortably crowded out by self-invited strangers.

A remedy which I would recommend hostesses employing with advantage is that they should engage the services of three or four stalwart "chuckers out" to guard the outer entrances and who would be instructed to ask each guest on arrival to show their invitation card, and, failing its production, would refuse admittance. Perhaps the persevering "not wanteds" would respect muscle where they blantly ignore hints, however bluntly conveyed.

QUITE SAFE.

I was told a story the other day of an ultra-modern couple of this species which illustrates their infinite capacity for invading unknown territory.

"My dear," said this 1928 girl to a young man of her acquaintance, "you must come with me to Lady X next week-end!"

"But I do not know Lord and Lady X," he objected "and, besides, they have not invited me."

"Don't be so frightfully antediluvian!" she retorted. "As a matter of fact, they have not asked me either, but that will not keep me away."

"You see, they are one of those 'incompatibility of temperament' couples, and will probably be suing each other for a divorce any old day. They go their own way, and both issue separate invitations to anybody whom they fancy, asking them down to spend the week-end at their country place."

"Should neither of them recognise us, if won't matter in the least, since each will imagine and assume the other has invited us, and as neither will dream of asking we shall be quite safe!"

After this reassurance the young man cheerfully accepted the pseudo invitation and—the chance offered of a few days' free holiday!

CAREFULLY TIMED.

Another type of uninvited guest one is frequently coming across in Mayfair is the individual who, having ascertained that you are entertaining a number of friends to dinner that evening at a particular dance club or restaurant, turns up and breezily annexes himself to your party.

Having eaten and drunk his fill, he proceeds to have a few dances, and then takes his departure, carefully timing it to be just before the waiter presents the bill!

Then there is the person who boards himself out indefinitely on his friends, thus evading the payment of rent and taxes and such like unpleasant responsibilities. This particular type is more dangerous, and also more difficult to rid ourselves of, since we cannot plead ignorance of his identity, as a face is, alas! too familiar for us to have a chance of forgetting him.

I was told a story concerning one such individual, whom I will call Mr. A., and who had a preference for visits of not less than a fortnight, and generally considerably beyond that period.

He was by way of being a literary man, and made the acquaintance of a certain American who had rented a country house over here.

HOPING, BUT IN VAIN.

Mr. A. "wangled" an invitation to the house, and, once arrived, made himself thoroughly at home, pride in obtaining his hospitality.

WHAT G. B. S. SAYS.

AMATEUR PLAYERS AND ROYALTIES.

CHARACTERISTIC LETTER.

A dramatic society desired to produce one of Shaw's plays. They accordingly wrote Mr. Shaw for terms, and the following reply was received, relates the "Manchester Guardian."

"Playwrights often receive letters asking them to authorise performances of their 'plays' by societies formed to develop appreciation of dramatic art in their neighbourhood. These societies are sometimes university, Y.M.C.A., Labour College, or polytechnic clubs; sometimes branches of drama leagues; sometimes isolated ventures calling themselves by any title which occurs to them. As a rule they all make the same mistake."

Ask Special Consideration.

"They appeal for special consideration on the ground that they are personally disinterested and actuated solely by public spirit; that they are poor; that all work connected with them is unpaid; and that, if they make any money, they give it away to charities, to political organisations of one sort or another, or to some public object unconnected with the theatre."

"The result is that the playwright is obliged to class them as 'amateurs' and refer them to the Collection Bureau of the Society of Authors, which is, in turn, obliged to make them pay five guineas a performance, and to forbid them to give more than two performances consecutively."

"The next day an ordinary commercial speculator, who has no other purpose than to make money for himself, will receive from the same playwright, or from the society, without question, an authorisation to perform night after night for a shilling in the pound on the takings when these do not exceed £50."

Have Themselves to Thank.

"For this the societies have themselves to thank. If they would organise themselves as continuing bodies building up a capital fund by the profits of their performances; appoint a responsible director, pay everybody a living wage as soon as they have the means; and aim at the foundation of a permanent series of performances every season under a standing title (Blanktown Players or something of the kind) in, if possible, a theatre of their own, they could at once claim authorisation on professional terms, exactly as the commercial speculators do. It is their own thoughtless protests that they are doing nothing more than the amateur dramatic clubs do—that is, acting for the fun of it, and giving away all the money they make to objects unconnected with the theatre, that forces the playwright, as a matter of professional etiquette, to class them with the amateur clubs and make them pay the same fees."

"The remedy is in their own hands. No sane playwright wants to discriminate against bona-fide attempts to educate the people in dramatic art; on the contrary, he wants to encourage them by every means in his power. Societies devoted to this object are entitled to go into the play market as the trustees of a picture gallery go into the picture market, or a public library into the book market. But they must constitute themselves and describe themselves accordingly, and not insist on being idle amateurs."

showed no sign whatever of bringing his visit to a close. At length his patient host, in desperation, arranged for an urgent business summons elsewhere, hoping thus to dislodge the visitor, but the ruse did not succeed, for when the situation was explained to Mr. A., the latter graciously protested his ability to manage quite nicely by himself, and further declared it to be a capital opportunity to finish off a certain manuscript he had on hand.

Thus the unfortunate host found himself in the unenviable position of calling his own bluff, and of being obliged to vacate his hearth to his too persistent guest.

In the end the American was compelled to instruct his servants to close up his country house altogether in order to rid himself of his apparently permanent boarder.

Since this experience, however, the displays meticulous care in the selection of his guests, and gives them a definite time limit.

In my opinion uninvited guests are among the very worst of the various pests and nuisances which we meet with nowadays. Unfortunately, they are almost certain to be a permanent infliction, since they are a sort of tick-skinned to perceive when they are unwanted, or if they have no acquaintance

U.S. STAGE BAN.

PROTEST TO THE HOME SECRETARY.

ENGLISH REPLY.

London.—Leading London actors, headed by Sir Gerald du Maurier, are planning a protest to the Home Secretary against the recent banning of English artists in America by Actors' Equity. They feel that protective and retaliatory measures are necessary.

The new scheme comes into force in America, after which an English artist arriving in the United States will not be allowed to accept a second engagement, even if the play for which he has been imported lasts for only three nights.

At present, there are at least a score of American actors and actresses seeking engagements in London. They came over in "Broadway," "Blackbirds," and other plays, and then liked England so much that they wanted to stay. No one blames them. When they are clever they are welcomed.

It is feared, however, that if Actors' Equity makes English actors return—and for years they have been welcome in the United States—the only way of making Actors' Equity change his mind is to impose similar conditions here.

U.S. Stars in England.

Among the American stars now appearing in English productions are the following:—

Edith Day and Paul Robeson, in "Show Boat."

Dorothy Dickson and Hartley Power, in "The Man Who Changed His Name."

Ernest Truex, in "Call Me Georges."

Tallulah Bankhead, in "Mud and Treacle."

Joseph Coyne, in "Baby Cyclone."

Emma Haig and Louise Brown, in "The Girl Friend."

James Kirkwood and Claudette Colbert, in "The Barker."

Jack Smith, in "Will o' the Whispers."

Marion Lorne, in "Other Men's Wives."

Peggy O'Neill, in "The Flying Squad."

The whole company in "The Trial of Mary Dugan."

This much can be said for the Actors' Equity point of view—English actors who go to New York are often content to take lower wages than Americans would do, because, after a failure, they are too ashamed to come straight home. Americans remaining here seldom take less money than English artists. On the contrary, they often demand more.

A scheme for the development of the south bank of the Thames from the present County Hall as far as London Bridge, by building an embankment, shops, etc., was recently reported upon by the improvements Committee at the meeting of the L.C.C. The committee stated: "In view of the enormous expenditure which the construction of an embankment from the County Hall to London Bridge would involve, such a scheme must be considered in relation to the capital commitments of the Council. In respect of improvements alone, the present and prospective commitments are large, and, having considered the matter carefully, we do not think it desirable to proceed with the preparation of a scheme such as that suggested in the reference to us."

Mrs. Edith Halle, Elm Park Gardens, S.W., directed in her will that her body should be cremated "with my wedding ring and my old cherrywood stick."

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The current issue of the "Overland" tells what is being done in the various camps in China. The unusually large number of cases at the Criminal Sessions is covered in a non-routine manner, the reports being written to convey the pathos and the humour of the Courts. Naval arrivals and Service occurrences are noted; as are the departure of leading residents, the visit of Miss Maude Royden (the famous preacher on her world tour), and the presence of a shark in the harbour. Special articles and features are included as is always the case.

Following the signing of the Nanking Agreement, the British "Shaforce" detachment has been withdrawn from Nanking—as another friendly gesture—and the British Consul-General has gone back there. Such events are bound to be given considerable prominence in the Home papers. In order to let people know what is happening, send them a copy of the "Overland" and thereby save the laborious job of writing a long letter.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Sport Columns

BOWLS.

CRAIGENGOWER TAKE THE FLAG.

THE "OPEN."

[By "Blas."] Craigengower won and take home the flag. They have not done anything startling during the season; but they have been the best balanced team in the first division. Critics always carp at figures but playing home and away "facts are chieftains that winna ding." Played 9 won 9 lost 0 drawn 0. They are turning out their full side to play Club de Recreio "A" at Kowloon to-morrow in a friendly game and that should be the best game on view.

I said last week that I expected the Civil Servants to roll up their sleeves and give Talkoo a shock. They did; and they did it in no uncertain manner. They are a good side and I can't see why they are at the bottom of the league, but it seems to me the old story, we can't all win.

In the Second Division the Civil Service Seconds went down badly at Kowloon against the Recreio "A." They still have the lead and with a fairly easy programme ought to finish first, but it will be a good fight. They feel that it is up to them to get promotion to make up for the first team's fall.

TO-MORROW.

K.C.C. entertain Kowloon Dock and a very close game should take place. The Dock I think should just get the points. The other Dockers go next door and play the Bowling Green where I think they will win. After last Saturday's debacle they will feel strong enough to beat any side. The Police and Civil Service are not engaged. In the Second Division the Yacht Club, Talkoo and Craigengower ought to win at home, and Civil Service Seconds at East Point must win.

The Open Championship is nearing a close and we have now three of the semi-finalists. In the bottom half A. Clark of the Police meets R. Duncan of the Kowloon Bowling Green and I think Clark will just win to meet either Gibson or Ferguson. Gibson and Hogbin are playing to-night to decide which will meet Ferguson, but I think Gibson's experience will pull him through. Ferguson has evidently found his old form as the score against Brown this week shows 22-5. I still think Clark will win.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The following matches have been arranged for to-morrow:

Division I.			
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.			
Division II.			
Yacht Club v. Kowloon Bowling Green.			
East Point R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.			
Talkoo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.			
Craigengower C.C. v. Recreio "B."			

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

Division I.			
Craigengower C.C.	9	0	18
Police R.C.	10	6	0
Kowloon Dock R.C.	9	5	1
Talkoo R.C.	9	4	0
Kowloon B.G.C.	9	4	0
Kowloon C.C.	9	3	1
Civil Service C.C.	11	1	0
Division II.			
Civil Service C.C.	10	7	1
Recreio "A."	10	7	1
Kowloon B.G.C.	10	6	1
Talkoo R.C.	8	5	0
Recreio "B."	9	4	1
Craigengower C.C.	10	4	0
East Point R.C.	11	4	0
Kowloon C.C.	9	3	1
Yacht Club	9	1	0

A COLLAPSE!

MIDDLESEX SWAMPED BY KENT.

INNINGS DEFEAT.

London, Yesterday. At Chatham Kent beat Middlesex by an innings and 213 runs. Kent 388. Middlesex 89 and 86 (Wright 6 for 22).—Reuter.

TENNIS.

"A" DIVISION PROGRAMME COMPLETED.

CRAIGENGOWER LOSE.

The long delayed match in the "A" division of the Tennis League between Craigengower Cricket Club and the University was at last played off; thus completing the season's programme in that division. By losing, Craigengower have become the "wooden spoonists," with only one victory to their credit.

In the "C" section, the leaders, Chinese Recreation Club I., have only one match to complete their fixtures, which is incidentally against their own "No. 2" team. It is fully expected that the former will be able to retain their undefeated record and thereby win the Shield again for their Club.

The only game that has been arranged for to-morrow, as far as is known at present, is the Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. in the "C" division. It is of course, likely that other teams will be playing off some of their postponed matches during the week-end.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

"A" Division.			
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0
Hong Kong C.C.	6	4	2
M.B.K.	6	4	2
Indian R.C.	6	2	4
Kowloon C.C.	6	2	4
University	6	2	4
Craigengower C.C.	6	1	5
"B" Division.			
Chinese R.C.	10	10	0
South China A.A.	10	9	1
Hong Kong C.C.	10	8	2
Recreio	9	6	3
Nippon Club	9	4	5
M.B.K.	9	4	5
University	10	4	6
Indian R.C.	10	2	8
Craigengower C.C.	10	2	8
Royal Engineers	10	2	8
Kowloon C.C.	9	0	9
"C" Division.			
Chinese R.C. I.	13	13	0
Chinese R.C. II.	13	12	1
Recreio II.	13	12	1
Civil Service C.C. I.	13	9	4
Kowloon C.C.	11	7	3
Hong Kong C.C.	11	7	4
South China A.A.	11	6	5
Recreio I.	13	6	7
R.A.O.C.	13	5	8
R.A.M.C.	11	4	7
Kennedy-rd. M.Q.	12	4	8
Nippon	10	2	8
Y.M.C.A.	12	2	10
Indian R.C.	13	1	12
Kowloon I.T.C.	12	0	12

HONG DOUBLES.

Two More Matches Decided.

In the Hong Doubles tennis tournament, yesterday W. D. Eddes Wilson and R. Gordon (Jardine, Matheson) scr. beat Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Lt.-Col. Wyatt over 15/8 in the semi-final by 3-6, 6-3, 8-6; and G. W. Sewell and H. Owen Hughes over 15/2 beat E. D. Lawrence and T. D. E. Pendered (A.P.C.) over 3/6 in the fourth round by 6-3, 6-2. They now enter the semi-final where they meet R. K. Valentine and A. D. Humphreys (Dodwell & Co.) over 15/8, the winners to meet the Jardine pair in the Final.

R.A. AQUATICS.

SPORTS AT THE V.R.C. TO-MORROW.

FIFTEEN EVENTS.

The Royal Artillery aquatic sports will be held at the V.R.C. bath to-morrow, starting at 2.30 p.m. The programme comprises fifteen events which include a Unit Relay Race, a Novices Race, Individual Race, W.O.'s. and N.C.O.'s. Championship, Gunners' Championship, Officers' Race, Girls' Race, Boys' Race, H.K.S. Battery Relay Race, 225 yards Race, Life Saving and Diving Competitions, and Tug-of-War.

In connection with the sports, two events have already been decided at Stonecutters on Tuesday, August 21. These are:— Half Mile Unit Team Race (Teams of 4).—Won by 12th Heavy Battery. Team: Mtr.-Gnr. Nutty, L/Bdrs. Norris, Magee and Clarke. Unit Tug-of-War (Teams of 4).—Won by 12th Heavy Battery. Their opponents in the final were 31st Heavy Battery.

Other aquatic sporting events which have recently taken place are:— R.A. Water Polo Cup competition.—Won by 12th Heavy Battery. South China Command Water Polo Inter-Battery and Company "Knock-out" competition.—Won by 12th Heavy Battery, R.A., who defeated "B" Company 2nd K.O.S.B. in the final by 4 goals to 1.

BASEBALL.

The South China "Dragons" are to play two further matches against the Shanghai baseball team. The first game starts at 5 p.m. to-day, whilst the teams will engage in a further match on Sunday at 4 p.m.

LOCAL LETTERS.

AND HOW TO STAMP THEM.

A circular notice was issued by the Postmaster General yesterday, to the following effect:— The P.M.G. observes that of the letters received to-day into the local post fully one half have their stamps affixed to the opposite side from the address; and of those stamped on the address side fully one half have the stamps inconveniently placed.

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[By "Sparks".]

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Amsterdam	12.105
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Berlin	20.37
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.425
Prague	164 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/4
Madrid	29.095
Lisbon	2 7/8
Athens	374 1/4
Bucharest	794 1/4
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/7 3/4
Hong Kong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 5/32
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Wizard at Figures.



He can do logarithms, equations in calculus and abstruse problems in plane and spherical geometry in his head, can Robert Bernard Koviton, 14, of Roxbury, Mass., who is to enter Harvard this fall as a member of the class of 1932. He is the youngest student in his class.

"Go Get 'Em" Resigns.



"Big Bill" Thompson's regime in Chicago has been further complicated by the sudden resignation of "Go Get 'Em" Hughes, the rough and ready chief of police who accompanied him into office. Hughes' failure to run down the gangsters who killed Assistant State Attorney William H. McSwiggan caused the convening of a special crime grand jury in Chicago.

Museum Head.



Stephen C. Stearns, member of the scientific staff of the Field Museum of Natural History, since its foundation in 1893, who has been appointed director of the institution to succeed

U.S. Navy's "Eyes" See New York.

Greater New York got a good look at the U.S. Navy's big dirigible "Los Angeles" and two smaller lighter-than-air craft, the J-3 and the J-4, when the ships, escorted by two seaplanes, hovered over the metropolis on a test manoeuvre. The three dirigibles are pictured over the tower of the Municipal building.



Tennis Champion.



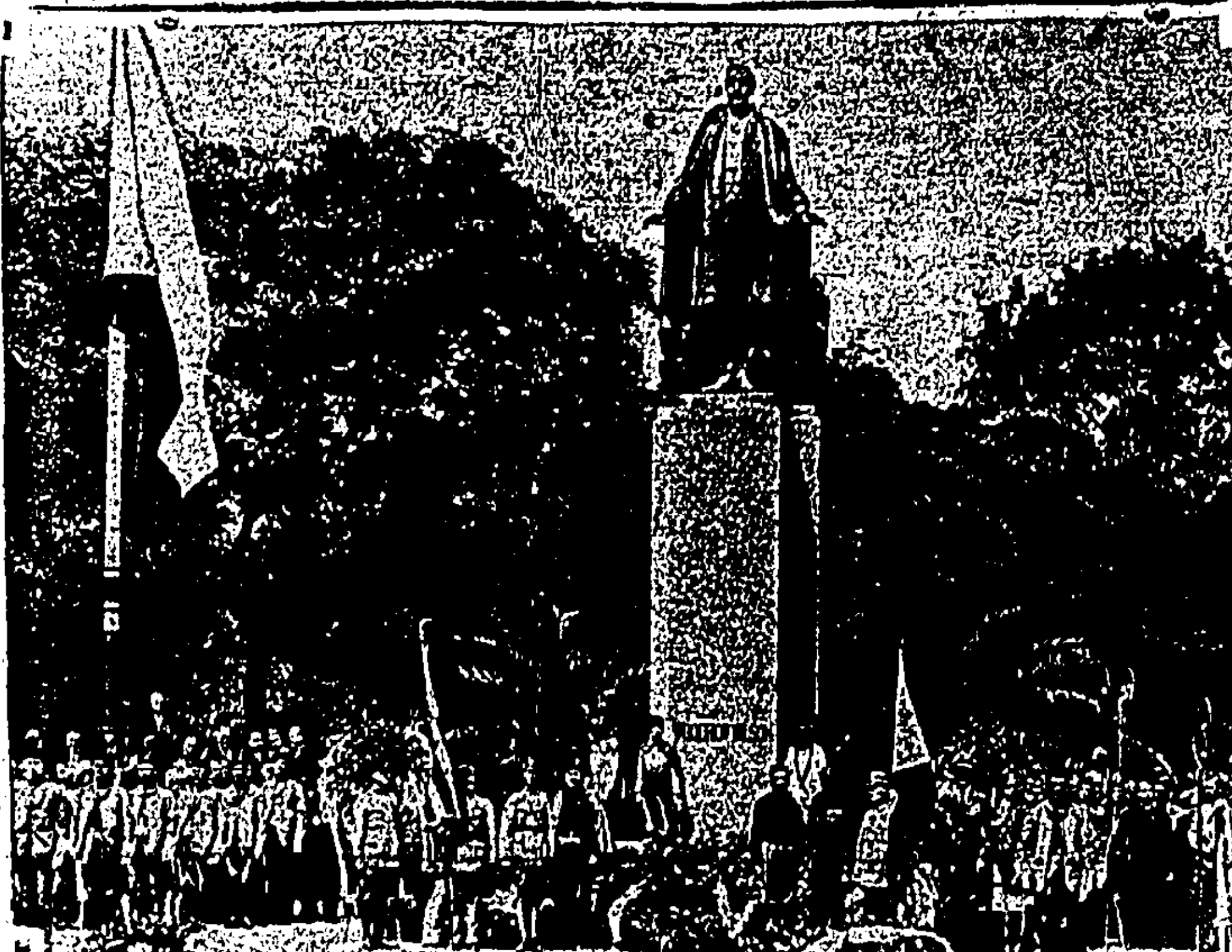
Rene Lacoste, lawn tennis singles champion of England, with his characteristic smile.

Boy Scouts Call on U.S. President.



The picture shows Boy Scouts of the Chippewa council of Minnesota who travelled to the Summer White House at Superior, Wis., to present an Indian blanket to the President. Master Robert Busby (at the President's right) made the presentation.

Czechs Unveil Woodrow Wilson Statue.



The late President Woodrow Wilson, scholar, statesman, and war leader, was honoured by one of the statues he championed at Versailles. With this striking statue to him was unveiled in Prague. High officials of the Czechoslovakian Government, leaders and the diplomatic corps attended the ceremonies.

Gets A High Post.



Soldier, cowboy and as colourful a character as ever entered Uncle Sam's service, Will C. Barnes, above, has retired from the Forest Service after 21 years to accept the post of secretary of the United States Geographic Board. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honour in 1881 for valour during the Apache war.

In Cupid's Snare.



Lillian Litzel, queen of the flying trapeze, who was married to Alfredo Cordona, circus gymnast. Their romance began when they were children together in Milwaukee and flowered beneath the "big top."

Britain Honours Him.



The golf handicap of Earl Balfour at 80 is lower than that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the latter told guests at a complimentary luncheon to the ex-premier upon the eve of his eightieth birthday. H.R.H. added that the Earl was a cabinet member before he (the Prince) was born.

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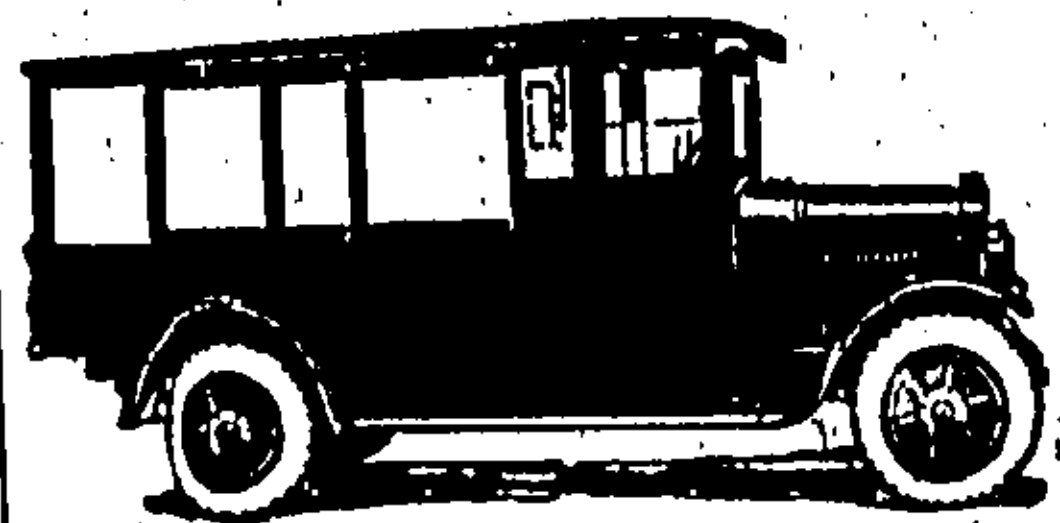
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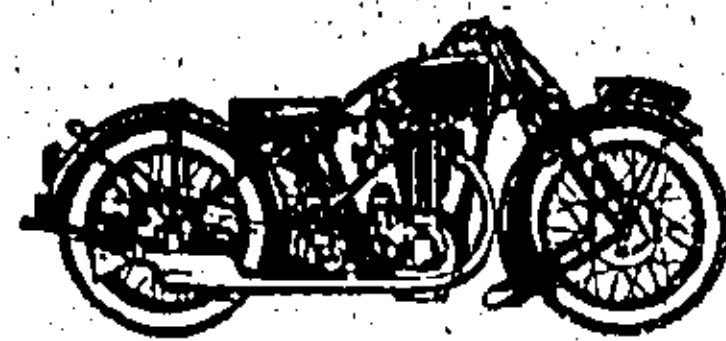


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London, Yesterday.

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The Government will benefit on this valuation to the extent of £4,000,000 in death duty.—British Wireless Service.

INDO-CHINA.

NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL APPOINTED.

CHANGE IN SYSTEM.

Paris, Yesterday.

Mons. P. A. M. Pasquier has been appointed Gouverneur-General of Indo-China.—Havas.

M. Pasquier's appointment marks a change in the system. Hitherto, politicians and others from France were appointed in recognition of service to the Government. M. Pasquier was Resident Superior of Annam and has been head of the Annam Government. He is in what might be called the French Colonial Cadet service, to which promotion to Governor-General of Indo-China was denied before. He is an Officer of the Legion of Honour. His predecessor is M. Varenne, a Deputy. M. Pasquier is at present in France.

GREEK ELECTION.

PANGALOS PARTY SHOOTING INCIDENT.

PROSECUTOR'S INQUIRY.

Athens, Yesterday.

General Pangalos will appear before the Public Prosecutor to-day in connection with the election shooting incident. Two of the wounded are reported to have died. A colonel was examined yesterday in connection with the same affair and was imprisoned.—Reuter.

[On the eve of the elections, a number of Venizelists gathered outside the Pangalot election rooms, jeering and throwing stones. They were suddenly fired on from a balcony, and four were wounded two rather seriously. The police state that the firing was caused by four officers, including General Pangalos himself.]

FINNISH ATTACHE.

RECALLED FROM MOSCOW ON SOVIET REQUEST.

SOVIET ATTACHE IMPLICATED.

Helsingfors, Yesterday.

The Military Attache of the Finnish Legation at Moscow has been withdrawn because the Soviet Government has demanded his recall on the ground that he has taken photographs of Russian military secrets.

Soviet authorities recently arrested him on this charge. The Soviet Military Attache of the Russian Legation at Helsingfors has also been recalled although the newspapers state that the Finnish Government did not demand his withdrawal.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S DROUGHT.

SERIOUS SHORTAGE IN NORTHERN DISTRICTS.

TROUBLE AMONG FARMERS.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Though central Japan has suffered in recent weeks from excess of rain, the northern districts are experiencing a serious shortage of water owing to the long continued drought.

As a result of a dispute for the possession of water, fighting broke out this morning between the farmers of two villages in the Aomori Prefecture. Twenty are reported to have been injured before the arrival of a strong detachment of police to disperse the combatants.—Reuter.

SIGNING OF THE PEACE PACT.

NEXT MONDAY.

"TALKIES" "MOVIES" AND "MICROES" IN FORCE.

WORLD-WIDE SPECTATORS.

Paris, Yesterday.

"Talkies," "movies" and microphones will combine on Monday for the first time in history to perpetuate for future generations the sounds and movements of the statesmen signing the international state document in the clock-hall at the Quai d'Orsay, half of which has been converted into a cinema studio with eight huge archlights to film the scene.

A series of microphones will render even the softest whispered State secret audible to wireless listeners throughout Europe. Meantime the "talkie" specialist means to synchronise the camera and microphone and will record the speakers' facial expression and words for the delectation a few weeks' hence of millions of cinema-goers throughout the world.

Welcomed to England.

The Deputy-Mayor and town clerk of Plymouth welcomed Mr. F. B. Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of State Department, and the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, who are en route to Paris to sign the Anti-War Pact.

Mr. Kellogg said the Treaty was not the work of any one man or any one nation, it was the work of many nations and men, and it was a great moral step over which the nations must go before they can go to war again.

To a Reuter representative Mr. Kellogg said he was not going to have any conversations regarding the Franco-British naval understanding.

Spain Piqued.

Madrid, Yesterday.

The impending signature of the Kellogg Pact is being practically ignored by the Spanish Press.

It appears that Spain has not been invited to sign with the Great Powers. Consequently, she feels slighted.

General Primo de Rivera notified Washington that he was going to Paris to sign. Subsequently, everybody was surprised to learn that he had changed his mind.

It appears that the Government of the United States told him that it was impossible to include Spain in the invitations to the great Powers, but hoped that Spain, like the countries of the Little Entente, would adhere to the Pact immediately after the Powers had formally signed.

Spain now claims sixth place among the World's Naval Powers, as she has two battleships and seven smaller warships are being added to the Spanish Fleet.

Dr. Stresemann's Health.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Dr. Stresemann's doctors state that his health still demands the greatest care, and while they do not object to his visit to Paris to sign the Kellogg Pact, they are opposed to his participation at the League meeting at Geneva.

Dr. Stresemann has not yet abandoned the intention of going to Geneva, but it is learned that after signing the Pact in Paris he will go to a health resort for a short rest before deciding whether he will go to Geneva.

Paris, Yesterday.

The German Ambassadors at Paris, London, Rome and Brussels have informally notified the Foreign Ministers of the respective countries in which they are that Dr. Stresemann intends to raise the question of the evacuation of the Rhineland in Paris or Geneva or both.

Meanwhile, Dr. Stresemann, through the German Ambassador in Paris, has asked for an interview with M. Poincare, presumably with regard to this subject.

Not Going to Geneva.

Berlin, Yesterday.

In accordance with the advice of his doctor, Dr. Stresemann will not attend the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva. Consequently, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr. von Schubert, will head the German delegation at Geneva.

Paris, Yesterday.

Pres. Doumergue and all the

THE FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC.

MISSING PLANE.

REPORTED SIGHTED TO THE SOUTH OF GREENLAND.

MOTOR-BOAT SEARCH.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.

The Government has received a telegram from Landsfoged, in South Greenland stating that Hassell's and Cramer's aeroplane was sighted at 10.30 on the morning of the 19th near Fiskensasset on the south-east coast of Greenland, flying south-south-east then east.

A local motor-boat started immediately in search of the aeroplane.—Reuter.

THE COMPROMISE.

ANGLO-FRENCH NAVAL AGREEMENT STIR.

U.S. & GERMANY TROUBLED.

London, Yesterday.

It is supposed that leakages of information to Germany indicating the result of the compromise, has led to such strong criticism of the whole scheme in Berlin.

The position of America has also to be borne in mind. In spite of British and French assurances, there appears to be strong opposition at Washington to the proposals, and the view is now held that as the result of United States' opposition, the whole plan may come to nothing.

Again, however, it is pointed out, that there should be no cause for alarm since the whole question of land armaments must be submitted to the Preparatory Disarmament Commission before anything definite can be settled. All Powers must adhere to the agreement before it can become operative.—Reuter.

U.S. COTTON.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE AND TRADING.

New York, Yesterday.

The Cotton Exchange has approved of the principle of trading in 50 bale units and also in trading in raw wool futures.—Reuter's American Service.

Willesden Defendant. — I am known as the hardest-working man in Kilburn; but I was out of work till Monday, and lost the job on Wednesday.

Ministers discussed at a Cabinet meeting for two and a half hours the preparations regarding the signing of the Anti-War Pact. Apparently there will be no official speeches, apart from M. Briand's speech of welcome.

Geneva Assembly.

Geneva, Yesterday.

It is doubtful whether M. Briand will be able to go to Geneva and with his absence and that of Dr. Stresemann and Sir Austen Chamberlain the proceedings of the League Assembly will be short of much of their importance, particularly as it is expected that the usual private conversations between leading Foreign Ministers have a special interest on this occasion.—Reuter.

League Wireless Station.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Federal Political Department, after discussing with the League Secretariat the political and judicial aspects of the proposed League Wireless Station for the League's use in times of crisis, suggests that the station should be constructed near here by the Swiss Wireless Company, who would administer it and afford the League all the facilities necessary in priorities.

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